

Bloomington Community Band Board of Directors Meeting
April 15, 2024

Members Present:

Richard VanArsdel, Chair
Richard Denning, Vice-Chair/Business Manager
Jim Sowinski, Treasurer
Ron Hardesty, Assistant Treasurer
Gretchen Weber, Secretary
Tim Bitzer, Personnel Officer
Ray Foster, Webmaster
Christopher Billings, Librarian
Tony Mannia, Publicity/Development Coordinator
Kyle Hetrick, Property/Equipment Manager
Mark Angelos, Historian
Dominic Thompson, Director
Joe Car, Assistant Director

Also Present:

Phyllis Solnzeff

Members Absent:

None

Chair Richard VanArsdel called the meeting to order at 9:10 p.m. at Bloomington Free Methodist Church.

1. Standing Agenda Items

- a. Minutes from March 10, 2024 have been distributed and posted. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and adopted.
- b. The Treasurer's Report was reviewed.
 - I. Jim Sowinski reported on the band's good financial standing.
 - II. Jim has drafted a summary report to the band. **ACTION:** Jim to revise and bring to the May meeting for general distribution thereafter.
 - III. Jim suggested Zelle be used for dues collection. **ACTION:** Jim to set up.
 - IV. Jim will be gone 4-29 until the May meeting. Ron will be gone 5-10 to 5-18.
- c. Actions taken since the last meeting: none
- d. Review of Board Member Duties Timeline was discussed with Tim.

2. Old Business

- a. Committee reports: none
- b. Purchase of new percussion equipment: Tony reported the need for wire brushes, a bass pedal for the trap, and perhaps a bass drum or heads. **ACTION:** Tony to do a cost comparison of heads, logo, and drum replacement and present at the May meeting.
- c. Hauling the trailer: no volunteers have committed to do so on a consistent basis. **ACTION:** Richard to repeat his appeal to the membership.
- d. Constitution or policy revision on loaning equipment: **ACTION:** Richard V. to draft.
- e. New copier: A new copier has been purchased and is running.
- f. Section leaders assignments: Tim reported that section leaders have been assigned.
- g. Equipment inventory for insurance: Kyle reported inventory is complete.
- h. Inclusion in the Bloomington Arts Alliance website: **ACTION:** Tony is to complete.

3. New Business

a. Grant submission for commissioned music: Dom reported that his acquaintance Ben has extensive experience and can do a grant. He charges \$1,000 per minute for a composition. That cost might be shared by a consortium of community bands.

ACTION: Dom to invite Ben to the May meeting.

b. Tim reported that the Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) provides a state tax credit of 50% of the donation for taxpayers who donate to certain neighborhood organizations. **ACTION:** Tim to research and report in May.

4. Officers' Reports

a. Secretary: none

b. Personnel Officer: Tim reported new band members have been added in the system.

c. Historian: Mark has examined and will inventory tubs of historical information.

d. Equipment Manager: none

e. Librarian: Chris is working on acquisitions. Genius Scan was explained as a quick, easy, free app for scanning and direct printing. **ACTION:** Folder stuffing to be scheduled.

f. Publicity Officer: Program brochure ads are in the process of being sold. **ACTION:** Tony to appeal to members, some of whom have businesses. **ACTION:** Ray to update the order form on the website as needed ASAP.

g. Webmaster: The survey has been reported to the Board, with about half responding positively to band travel. The band is invited to perform for the Boston Instrumental Festival March 22-23, 2025, at a cost of about \$2,000 per member. Sister cities were also discussed. **ACTION:** Richard Denning to present a pitch to the band, in two weeks if possible.

h. Vice Chair: Richard Denning reported the Valhalla program is in process.

5. Director and Associate Director comments: Dom has 12-15 new pieces.

6. Chair's Comments: None

Meeting adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gretchen Weber, Secretary