

Bloomington Community Band Board of Directors Meeting
March 10, 2024

Members Present:

Richard VanArsdel, Chair
Richard Denning, Vice-Chair/Business Manager
Jim Sowinski, Treasurer
Ron Hardesty, Assistant Treasurer
Gretchen Weber, Secretary
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:

Tim Bitzer, Personnel Officer
Ray Foster, Webmaster

Chair Richard VanArsdel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Bloomington Free Methodist Church.

1. Standing Agenda Items

- a. Minutes from February 19, 2024 were reviewed. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and adopted to approve.
- b. The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Jim Sowinski reported about \$18,000 has been received this year, with about \$4,000 coming from affiliated groups. Expenses in the near future include church rental, insurance, and a check order.
- c. Actions taken since the last meeting:
 - 1) On February 22, Richard V. called for a vote on loaning the timpani to the UUC as requested by Bob Appelman. Approved via email vote.
 - 2) On February 22, Richard V. called for a vote on an honorarium for Don Stejskal for subbing for Bob Appelman during Dixieland Band Concerts in February. Approved after discussion for \$50 via email vote.
 - 3) On March 8, Richard V. called for a vote on a request from Norbert Herbert on loaning the gong for a performance at the Tibetan Cultural Center on April 7. Approved via email vote.

2. Old Business

- a. Committee reports: none
- b. Financial reports to the band membership: Jim Sowinski suggested that in May when dues are collected would be a good time. ACTION: Jim is to draft a report to present to the board at the April meeting.
- c. Replacement of crash symbols: the present cymbals have been deemed okay.
- d. Purchase of percussion equipment: Tony reported all equipment is okay except the bass drum. ACTION: Tony is to obtain a quote for replacing the bass drum.
- e. Hauling the trailer: no volunteer has come forward. ACTION: Richard V. is to send out another call to the band for someone to haul the trailer.

- f. Constitution on loaning music: the Constitution does not mention the loaning of music to other bands, but Policy does mention photocopying. Out of respect for copyright, a motion was made, seconded, and adopted to remove mention of photocopying from BCB Policy. ACTION: Richard V. to make revision to Policy.
- g. New copier: Kyle suggested that an inkjet copier be purchased. A motion was made, seconded, and adopted to purchase an Epson inkjet. ACTION: Kyle to make purchase (\$250).
- h. Section leader assignments: Tim has polled previous year's section leaders. The trombones' leader is still in question. ACTION: Tim to report appointments to the Board.
- i. Equipment inventory update for insurance: Kyle has completed the inventory. ACTION: Kyle to sent inventory to insurance company.
- j. Inclusion in the Bloomington Arts Alliance website: in process. ACTION: Tony to finalize inclusion of the BCB in the BAA website.

3. New Business

- a. Invitation to perform at Boston
- b. Invitation to perform at ACB 2025 in Arkansas
- c. Invitation to Normandy: A survey has been drafted to gauge interest in Boston and Normandy. Dom made suggestions for revision. ACTION: Richard Denning to conduct survey.
- d. List of expenses that may not need a vote: It was agreed that items that are in the budget need not be voted on.
- e. Donation of French horn: Acknowledged for \$800 (Dan Beeker).
- f. Grant submissions: not submitted. The Board is interested in exploring commissioned music. Benjamin Taylor is Dom's contact who has also done grant proposals with him. Taylor is interested in writing for BCB. His standard charge is \$1000 per minute. ACTION: Dom is to follow up with an invitation to a meeting and contact information.

4. Officers' Reports

- a. Secretary report: Minutes will be sent out as well as uploaded, with members doing their own printing.
- b. Personnel report: Absent
- c. Historian report: Mark plans to post historical anecdotes and significant anniversaries as well as organize and maintain the archives.
- d. Equipment report: Discussed above
- e. Librarian report: Chris reported removal of Christmas music and loading of some new music. He needs easier access to the library and believes it should be a keyed position. He also needs information to access the JW Pepper account.
- f. Publicity report: Tony is to work on the programs.
- g. Webmaster report: Absent. Ray has updated our domain registration and will finish posting rehearsal dates.
- h. Vice-Chair report: Richard D. Stated that BCT wants us to begin the Halloween concert at 5:00, which is not possible for Dom. However, he can make 5:30. Extensions will be needed at a cost of \$300, an item for next year's budget. An ad hoc committee was suggested for later in the season aimed at making the program more participative.

5. Director and Associate Director Comments

- a. Associate Director report: None
- b. Director report: Seven bands have been invited to ACB at Fort Mill, AK.

6. Chair's Comments: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gretchen Weber, Secretary