

Bloomington Community Band Board of Directors Meeting
November 18, 2024

Members Present:

Richard VanArsdale, President
Jim Sowinski, Treasurer
Mark Angelos, Historian
Chris Billings, Librarian
Ron Hardesty, Assistant Treasurer
Tim Bitzer, Personnel Officer
Kyle Hetrick, Property Manager
Joe Car, Associate Director
Dominic Thompson, Music Director

Members Absent:

Richard Denning, Vice Chair/Business Manager
Ray Foster, Webmaster

Others Present:

Jenn Strayer, incoming Librarian
Dexter Stapleton, incoming Treasurer

Chair Richard VanArsdale called the meeting to order at Bloomington Free Methodist Church at 9:15 pm.

1. Standing Agenda Items

- a. Review of minutes from last BOD meeting: no comments
- b. Treasurer's Report: Jim noted receipt of \$6100 from the Community Foundation and expenditure of \$688 to BCT for Halloween concert, which was questioned. Next year's board may want to reconsider this concert location. **ACTION:** Richard D. will be asked if he has an explanation from BCT.
- c. Items completed or voted on via email: On November 6, payment was approved via email for Ruth Mayhew's substituting in rehearsal for Dom on November 4.
- d. Review of Board Member Duties Timeline:
 - Tim noted that the annual survey should be made (**ACTION:** Tim to discuss with Ray). Tim suggested items include rating the difficulty of music; variety of music; concert information furnished; number of concerts; rehearsals; effectiveness of the board; and retention of the director. **ACTION:** Gretchen to locate the survey item that was discussed earlier this year.
 - Note for Board Member Duties Timeline: Jim said the NP20 report is due by May 15, not in the fall, and suggested moving it to April.
 - Jim said the AACB fee has been paid.
 - The domain registration will auto-renew.

2. Old Business

a. Committee Reports

- Holiday party: A room at Holiday Inn at 1710 N. Kinder Pike has been reserved for December 9. Alcohol may be carried in without a permit. **ACTION:** Tim to do a headcount.
- Board Restructuring: Tabled
- Awards Committee: A brass chair nominee is needed. **ACTION:** Richard V. to solicit.

- b. Officers for next term: Jim Sowinski, Chair; Dexter Stapleton, Treasurer; Elizabeth Rocchow, Secretary; Sue Bydlon, Personnel Officer.
- c. Commissioned Music: Jim has paid Ben Taylor and a contract has been executed.
- d. Business card update: Tabled
- e. Endowment check from the Community Foundation: discussed above

3. New Business

- a. Sousa-Palooza is June 21. **ACTION:** Richard D. to contact the city about reserving Switchyard.
- b. Dom suggested we consider moving the September Switchyard concert due to repeated rain-outs. **ACTION:** Ray to add to survey.
- c. Request to borrow stands: Tim has been contacted about a caroling group to borrow our stands. A motion was made and seconded but failed.
- d. Putting away music: Chris and Jenn suggested January.
- e. Sing-along at the mall concert: **ACTION:** Tim to ask Erica Stone and Bernard Smith to lead with microphones. Dom mentioned the mall should lower its background music.
- f. January meeting to take place on January 13. Jim will be unavailable later in the month. **ACTION:** Location to be determined.

4. Officers' Reports

- a. Secretary Report: Gretchen noted that donations to date have been acknowledged with letters.
- b. Personnel Report: Tim will have a pass-down for Sue with updated directory of members.
- c. History Report: none
- d. Equipment Manager Report: none
- e. Librarian Report: Codes are needed to protect our printer's ink supply. **ACTION:** Kyle to install. Chris is continuing to inventory our library.
- f. Publicity Report: Doug Davis will step in.
- g. Webmaster Report: absent
- h. Vice Chair Report: absent

5. Director and Associate Director comments: Dom thanked the board for their service and conveyed his regrets for the party. A stipend increase might be considered.

6. Chair's comments: Richard V. thanked the board for their service.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gretchen Weber, Secretary