

Bloomington Community Band Board of Directors Meeting  
October 14, 2024  
[Notes were taken from an audio recording of the meeting.]

Members Present:

Richard VanArsdale, President  
Richard Denning, Vice Chair/Business Manager  
Ray Foster, Webmaster  
Jim Sowinski, Treasurer  
Mark Angelos, Historian  
Chris Billings, Librarian  
Ron Hardesty, Assistant Treasurer  
Tim Bitzer, Personnel Officer  
Kyle Hetrick, Property Manager

Members Absent:

Gretchen Weber, Treasurer  
Joe Car, Associate Director  
Dominic Thompson, Music Director

Others Present:

Doug Davis, Tuba Section Leader

Chair Richard VanArsdale called the meeting to order at Bloomington Free Methodist Church at 12:15 pm, per the recording, but it was probably 9:15.

1. Standing Agenda Items

- a. Review of minutes from last BOD meeting: no comments
- b. Treasurer's Report: Jim noted the band is doing well financially.
- c. Items completed or voted on via email: Payment to substitute for Heritage Hall Ramblers was approved.
- d. Review of Board Member Duties Timeline:
  - I. October: A vote for whether to withdraw from Vanguard is due in the amount of \$1200. Motion was made and seconded to not withdraw. Motion adopted. October is also time to appoint an awards committee consisting of last year's awardees. **ACTION:** Richard V. has asked for recommendations from section leaders.
  - II. November: Filing of the Indiana Non-Profit Organizations Annual Report (NP20) is due by the end of November. **ACTION:** Jim to check. Also in November, the list of programs performed by the band and its affiliates is to start compilation for BMI for performance rights purposes. **ACTION:** Chris to work on this. Chair and Treasurer will plan to attend annual Community Foundation grant ceremony. Renewal of Swing Time Big Band domain registration will auto-renew tomorrow. **ACTION:** Tim to work on the website.

2. Old Business

a. Committee Reports

- I. Holiday Party: Tim reported on inquiries. He has reserved the Holiday Inn Express basement for \$250. Alcohol may be brought in by members. The church is also reserved if needed.
- II. Slate of Officers for Next Term: Jenn Strayer has volunteered for Personnel or Librarian. Doug volunteered for Publicity Manager. The need for a brochure is to be determined, but ads will not be sold.

- b. Commissioned Music: Jim reported spending \$5,000 and suggested using savings and soliciting donations from the band. A motion was made and adopted to this effect.
- c. Social Hours: Topic deferred but to be included in the annual survey. A welcome-back event and holiday party is an alternative.
- d. Business Card Update: **ACTION:** Update pending by Richard V.

### 3. New Business

- a. Restructuring the Board: **ACTION:** Ad hoc committee formed with volunteers to be solicited by Richard V. Motion adopted to that effect with Ray, Doug, Richard V. and Tim.
- b. Webmaster job: Tim raised the question of contracting for this function. **ACTION:** Ray to investigate.
- c. Schedule for BCB and Affiliate Bands: Task completed and submitted
- d. Awards Committee: Gretchen Weber, Bill McGregor, and Ron Hardesty

### 4. Officers' Reports

- a. Secretary: absent
- b. Personnel: Tim to inventory shirts
- c. Historian: none
- d. Equipment Manager: **ACTION:** Chris to code printer to prevent unauthorized use because ink is disappearing quickly.
- e. Publicity: Tim has updated Halloween posters and sought permission from elementary schools for distribution.
- f. Librarian: Chris reported good progress.
- g. Webmaster: none
- h. Vice Chair: Richard D. emailed BCT regarding stage readiness.

5. Director and Associate Director Comments: none

6. Chair's Comments: none

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gretchen Weber, Secretary