

Bloomington Community Band Board of Directors Meeting
September 25, 2023

Chair Richard VanArsdel called the meeting to order at Bloomington Free Methodist Church at 8:50 p.m.

Members Present:

Richard VanArsdel, Chair
Richard Denning, Vice-Chair
Jim Sowinski, Treasurer
Ron Hardesty, Assistant Treasurer
Gretchen Weber, Secretary
Tony Mannia, Publicity/Development Officer
Jenn Strayer, Librarian
Phyllis Solnzeff, Historian
Tim Bitzer, Personnel Officer
Kyle Hetrick, Property/Equipment Manager
Dominic Thompson, Music Director
Joe Car, Associate Music Director
Ray Foster, Web Master
Doug Davis
Allison McClanahan

Members Absent:

None

1. Standing Agenda Items:

- a. Since the last Board meeting, purchase of replacement music tubs was approved via email vote.
- b. The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Of note:
 - I. Payment to BFMC of \$1000 for use of facilities
 - II. Purchase of battery generator and cables
 - III. Income is to be received through the checking account only.
 - IV. Unrealized investment income is not to be listed as income.

2. Old Business:

- a. Committee reports:
 - I. Nominating Committee slate for election of officers:
 - A. Kyle Hetrick for Property Manager now through 2024
 - B. Richard Denning Vice Chair/Business Manager
 - C. Nancy Wells for Librarian
 - D. Ron Hardesty for Assistant Treasurer
 - E. Mark Angelos (trumpet) for Historian (mjangelos04@gmail.com; 260-443-2708)
 - F. Anthony Mannia (percussion) for Publicity/Development (tonymannia@gmail.com; 219-241-3839)
 - G. Ray Foster (trumpet) for Web Master (foster.ray@gmail.com; 812-320-0443)

- b. Web page redesign: no report
- c. Church contract November 2023
- d. Business cards for Bloomington Bones: pending

3. New Business:

- a. Attire for Halloween concert is to be musicians' choice of costume, uniform, or all black.
- b. Personnel handbook revision pending input from Board members—please respond!
- c. Hat options for concerts will continue to be official BCB cap, with exceptions made for those needing brims (provided they are plain black).
- d. New crash cymbals: Allison reported the breakage of cymbals and that new ones can be had for \$360 at Sweetwater. However, Dom offered to try to secure a free replacement swap. A motion to purchase (should it be necessary) was made, seconded, and approved.
- e. Personnel issues: A letter is to be drafted and signed by the Chair with reference to the disturbance within the band at Switchyard Park.
- f. Music tubs: Due to recent breakage, three tubs are needed and will be purchased at the Container Store by Tim.
- g. Loading/unloading issues: Doug described issues at Switchyard Park with unloading percussion equipment. Allison agreed to report venue-specific needs for number of people to provide assistance to Richard VanArsdel, who will ask section leaders to designate members as needed.
- h. Recognition: Gary Wiggins founded the current iteration of the band in 1978 and is leaving the main band but will stay in subgroups. The Awards Committee will plan recognition for him.
- i. Donations:
 - I. Some donations have been made with reference to specific subgroups. After discussion, it was decided that donations will go into the general fund for general use.
 - II. Gretchen is to send letters of acknowledgement.
 - III. Fish bowl for on-site donations is to be attended to by Tony.
- j. Additional new business:
 - I. Next year's location for the Fourth Street Arts Fair should be centralized.
 - II. Inserts for the program listing the music program for the day's event have been requested by audiences and will be handled by Tony.
 - III. Six tuba players are participating. The limit is four. Tim is to send the most recent a letter offering a playing position on string bass or exiting the band.

4. Officers' Reports

- a. Secretary: no report

- b. Personnel Officer: Tim is working to update the band roster.
- c. Historian: no report
- d. Property Manager: no report
- e. Librarian:
 - I. Jenn has ordered two new pieces and has set up online ordering with JW Pepper.
 - II. Folders are in process.
 - III. A library committee is needed. Deb Wehman and Joanne Passet have offered to serve.
 - IV. The library intern is doing well.
 - V. A drawer is to be designated for the growing Halloween repertoire.
- f. Publicity Officer:
 - I. Kyle will set up a table at events.
 - II. He will also prepare program notes for insertion before each concert.
 - III. He is developing local media contacts and will post concert information to community calendars.
- g. Vice-Chair:
 - I. Richard noted that the city is charging both performing groups for use of a sound engineer at Switchyard Park.
 - II. He will contact BCT to reconfirm arrangements.
- h. Music Director:
 - I. Dom voiced appreciation from Sing for Joy.
 - II. He also noted that they receive free printing at Staples, including yard signs.
- i. Associate Music Director: Joe reiterated the need for the stage extension at BCT.

Adjournment: 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gretchen Weber, Secretary