

BLOOMINGTON COMMUNITY BAND

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 25, 2021

This in-person meeting of the Bloomington Community Band Board of Directors was called to order by Tim Bitzer at 9:00 PM at BFMC.

Members Present:

Tim Bitzer, Vice Chair/Band Manager
Gary Wiggins, Treasurer
Bill McGregor, Assistant Treasurer
Phyllis Solnzeff, Historian
Nancy Wells, Publicity/Development Officer
Dominic Thompson, Director
Joe Car, Associate Director
Doug Davis, Personnel Manager
Janis Stockhouse, Librarian
Don Talbott, Webmaster

Members Absent:

Freja Cole, Library Intern
Abigail Ray, Secretary
Andrew Felt, Equipment Manager

I. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS AND APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER'S MINUTES

The Board approved unanimously the minutes from the previous meeting.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Approval was delayed pending clarification of some items.

Action Item: Gary and Bill will work with Tim to better identify what funds are being used for affiliated groups, e.g., for such things as equipment purchase and repair, which as of 9/30/21 was \$447.82 over the budgeted amount of \$500 for that expense.

III. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Zoom Christmas concert to local retirement homes – Tim contacted CATS about possibly recording/broadcasting a concert. They are interested, but can give a firm confirmation only the Friday before the concert. Monday, December 6 is a possible date. If that doesn't work out, Tim suggested we find a retirement living center at which to perform.
Action Item: Tim is to meet again with CATS. The live license issue is still problematic.
- b. Doug reported that OATS is working better and getting more use.
- c. Board Election: Candidates have been identified for most of the positions to serve the two-year term 1/1/22-12/31/23 that is normally elected in odd-numbered years:

Business Manager (Vice Chair): Jenny Smith
Publicity Coordinator-Development Officer: Nancy Wells is considering whether to continue.
Librarian: Janis Stockhouse
Historian: Phyllis Solnzeff

For positions normally elected in even-numbered years to serve 1/1/22-12/31/22:

Chair: Andrea Smith
Secretary: Abigail Ray*
Treasurer: Gary Wiggins*
Personnel Manager: Doug Davis*
Property Manager: Richard Van Arsdel

*Incumbents whose terms end by 2023.

Colin Flavin has agreed to take over the appointed position of Assistant Treasurer when Bill McGregor steps down at the end of this year.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Investment Funds: On a motion by Tim, seconded by Gary, the Board voted not to take funds from the Vanguard fund as would normally occur next month. We expect at least \$5,000 from the Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County soon. There is consideration of buying shirts for all members if the decision is made to change them next year, but the BCB bank account is in very good shape and should be able to absorb the approximately \$1250 expense of new shirts if the Board decides to go that way.
- b. Halloween Concert: Kudos to Nancy Wells for her efforts to promote the concert. The publicity poster was done by Norbert Herber's wife, who is a graphic artist. Two parking spots on the NE corner of the square have been designated for BCB use on 10/29 for trailer access. The weather forecast is not hopeful, and the idea was raised of doing a Facebook live broadcast if the concert is cancelled. Don has the equipment to do so.
- c. Awards: There are 4 named awards and the Distinguished Service Award to be given at the holiday party. Tim appointed an awards Committee (Joe, Phyllis, and Richard Van Arsdel) to select nominees and report back to the Board at the November meeting.
- d. Holiday Party: It will be on December 13, and there was a lot of support for having it at the upper room at Bub's, across from City Hall. Another suggestion was upstairs at The Irish Lion. **Action Item: Tim will check on the availability and costs of these venues and the possibility that one or more affiliated groups might play there.**
- e. Music Folders: Doug pointed out that taking the music folders home was prohibited by our Policy IIIA. Only individual parts are to be taken home. However, Janis does not believe this is a problem and stated that in all her years of allowing people to take folders home, she has never lost a folder.

V. OFFICER REPORTS

No additional reports were given by the officers or directors, except Janis, who commented on the poor financial status of many adult performing groups in town. Lack of rehearsal and performance space are also problems. She suggested a meeting with some of their representatives to make a push for a rehearsal and performance facility in Bloomington. There was general agreement that such a meeting should take place.

The chair adjourned the meeting at 10:00 PM on a motion by Nancy, seconded by Gary.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Wiggins