

BLOOMINGTON COMMUNITY BAND

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 26, 2022

This meeting of the Bloomington Community Band Board of Directors was called to order on September 26, 2022 at 9:15 PM at Bloomington Free Methodist Church.

Board Members Present:

Andrea Smith, Chairperson
Richard Denning, Business Officer/Vice Chair
Richard VanArsdel, Property Manager
Gary Wiggins, Treasurer
Doug Davis, Personnel Manager
Abigail Ray, Secretary
Jenny Smith, Publicity/Development Officer
Phyllis Solnzeff, Historian
Dominic Thompson, Director
Joe Car, Associate Director

Others Present:

Dan Beeker, horn section leader
Allison McClanahan, percussion section leader

Absent:

Janis Stockhouse, Librarian
Don Talbott, Webmaster
Ron Hardesty, Assistant Treasurer
Library Intern (position unfilled at present)

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

The Board reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Richard D. moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Gary. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

II. TREASURER'S REPORT

- The donation from the MCPL concert and the late payment from Redbud need to be added into the report.
- The rent has been paid for the second half of the year.
- BFMC cashed the check for the first six months.
- Ron Hardesty is the new Assistant Treasurer.

III. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Percussion: Allison reports that the percussion section is still in need of 2-3 more people to help with set-up/tear-down at both rehearsals and concerts. These people need to be dependable and know how to set up the equipment. She mentioned waving dues for these people. Doug reached out to other community bands about how they handle a pit

crew and received varied responses (assigning sections, relying on volunteers, hiring high school students). Dan suggested assigning a “pit boss” who would be in charge of training and supervising the pit crew. There was also some talk about Bob Appleman being more consistent with time of arrival. We will circle back to the pit crew issue at the next meeting.

Action Item: Dominic will check with Evansville’s community band to see what they pay their pit crew.

- b. BFMC Update: Andrea reviewed the new contract. Some portions were vague, so Andrea sent the contract back with questions.
- c. Media Kits: -We will probably use White Rabbit again to update the trifold. **Action Item: Andrea will talk to Jenny about this.**
 - Brochures need to be handed out at concerts.
 - Doug will bring back the tip jar for concerts.**Action Item: Andrea will talk to Don about getting the new band photo on the website.**
- d. Scheduling Updates: The BCB has concerts at Bell Trace on November 19, Redbud on December 5, and College Mall on December 10. The holiday potluck will be at BFMC on December 12, and Richard Hiatt will be awarded a certificate or plaque for his years of service in the band. Rich will begin thinking about scheduling for next year in December. There was some discussion about spreading the concerts out a bit to allow the band to switch out music more frequently.
- e. Goals – The Board will discuss possible combined concerts in 2023 at the next meeting. The Clarinistas may play a concert in December at the Arts Alliance store at College Mall. Beyond that, the Board will discuss smaller groups playing at the Arts Alliance store next year as the performance schedule is busy for the rest of this year.
- f. Uniform Protocol: Some band members are still not following uniform protocol, especially regarding hats. Only all-black hats or the hat with the new band logo are permitted. The wording for uniform protocol needs updated in the constitution.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Halloween Concert: The Halloween concert is not the same night as the downtown trick-or-treating event this year, which means that the band will need more marketing for this concert. There was discussion about placing posters at different places around town, including at the visitor’s center. Tim Bitzer has the black and white Halloween video to play in the background at this concert.
- b. Swing Time Big Band (STBB) proposal (email update): Tim Bitzer sent a proposal to the Board of Directors about restarting the Swing Time Big Band as an affiliate of the BCB as the Bloomington Jazz Orchestra has become too advanced in musical difficulty for most BCB players. The STBB would include mainly members of the BCB and high school students. See email for full proposal. There was also some discussion in the email thread about what should and should not count as an affiliate group (most BCB members have dropped out of the BJO).

- c. Board Vacancies: The following positions will be up for election next year – Chair, Property Manager, Treasurer, Secretary, and Personnel. These positions will be open to the band and an announcement will be made at future rehearsals. Some names that were mentioned as possible candidates are Dan Beeker, Mark Angelo, Heidi Angelo, Ron Hardesty, and John Herber

V. Voice of the Board Reports

Vacant Library Intern position: We have had no applicant from IU, so the position will be opened up to the band and will pay \$1000/year. The ruling of the Board is that this does not violate the previous agreement with IU as we opened up the position to IU students first, the money would still be used for library work, and the original agreement was a verbal agreement.

Personnel Manager: The attendance policy is often violated within the band regarding both reporting absences and playing concerts after excessive absences.

Action Item: Doug will come up with wording for a new protocol.

The chair adjourned the meeting at 10:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Abby Ray