

BLOOMINGTON COMMUNITY BAND

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 24, 2022

This meeting of the Bloomington Community Band Board of Directors was called to order on October 24, 2022 at 9:20 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
Phyllis Solnzeff, Historian
Don Talbott, Webmaster
Ron Hardesty, Asst. Treasurer
Dominic Thompson, Director
Joe Car, Associate Director

Others Present:

Dan Beeker, horn section leader
Tim Bitzer, saxophone

Absent:

Jenny Smith, Publicity/Development Officer
Janis Stockhouse, Librarian
Library Intern (position unfilled at present)

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

The Board reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Richard D. moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Doug. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

II. TREASURER'S REPORT

-The budget is in good shape.
-Gary recommends not taking money out of the Vanguard Wellington fund this year. Richard D. made the motion not to take money out, seconded by Abby. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).
-Richard D. moved to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by Richard V. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

III. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Percussion: Dominic checked with Evansville's community band. They pay their equipment crew \$50/concert and a pit manager \$75/concert. They also pay a facility

manager \$500/season. They do not pay for rehearsals. It was mentioned that Evansville's band has a more condensed season with fewer concerts than the BCB.

Action Item: Andrea will email Allison (percussion section leader) with this information.

Allison will write up a proposal about how to compensate a pit crew.

- b. Scheduling Updates: The Bell Trace concert has been moved to December 3 at 2:30. Joe will conduct this concert. The Redbud concert is on December 5 and the College Mall concert on December 10. The potluck will be held on December 12 at BFMC.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Swing Time Big Band (STBB) proposal: Tim Bitzer attended the Board meeting and proposed that we restart the Swing Time Big Band as an affiliate of the BCB. The STBB would draw members from the BCB as much as possible. They would rehearse at BFMC on the second and fourth Wednesdays. There would be no additional expense to the BCB. Hank might conduct. Richard V. made the motion to resurrect the STBB, seconded by Richard D. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).
- b. Bylaws - attendance: Doug proposed that if members missed three consecutive rehearsals with no contact that their membership would be terminated. The Board proposed that "termination" be replaced with "suspension." Their spot could be filled with people on the waitlist. Suspended members would be allowed to join again in the next year, but any dues they have paid for the current year would be forfeited. The Board passed this bylaw change with the updated wording (9-0). Doug also proposed taking out the section that stipulated that members must attend 2 out of 4 rehearsals preceding a concert in order to play in that concert. The Board approved removing this section with a vote of 9-0.
- c. Bylaws – uniform: The section regarding concert uniforms was reviewed and modified. Hats must be all black or have the official band logo. Hats may be worn at any outdoor venue. The tuck/untuck stipulation for shirts was removed. Richard V. moved that these changes be approved seconded by Abby. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).
- d. Affiliate Bands – Andrea needs to know when the affiliate bands deviate from their schedule so that she can inform Robin from BFMC.
- e. Christmas Party Awards Committee: This is comprised of the previous year's award winners. Richard Hiatt will be given an award for his years of service in the band.

V. Voice of the Board Reports

Chair – Andrea is willing to serve another term as chair provided that a family health issue does not precipitate a move.

Librarian: This position will be opened up to the band.

Historian – Phyllis added an obituary to the historian file.

Publicity – Jenny would like to look into getting magnets. She would also like to have a more definite schedule for when the band needs to start selling adds for the program (Jenny was not able to attend this meeting but had previously mentioned these issues to other Board members).

The chair adjourned the meeting at 10:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Abby Ray