

Bloomington Community Band Board of Directors Meeting
April 24, 2023

Chair Richard VanArsdel called the meeting to order at 9:10 p.m. at Bloomington Free Methodist Church.

Members Present:

Richard VanArsdel, Chair
Richard Denning, Vice-Chair/Manager
Dan Beeker, Treasurer
Ron Hardesty, Assistant Treasurer
Gretchen Weber, Secretary
Tim Bitzer, Personnel Officer
Jenn Strayer, Librarian
Phyllis Solnzeff, Historian
Jenny Smith, Publicity
Dominic Thompson, Director
Ray Foster

Members Absent:

Joe Car, Associate Director
Don Talbott, Web Master

Standing Agenda Items:

- I. Minutes from the March 27 meeting were approved as submitted.
- II. The treasurer's report were present and discussed. Notable expenses were the purchase of the new keyboard and insurance for the year.

Old Business:

- I. Section leaders' meetings: to be held on an ad hoc basis. Tim reported that the attendance tracking system is working for most sections.
- II. Website redesign: No report
- III. Tri Kappa grant: Our application was denied due to not meeting their criteria.
- IV. Recruiting of clarinets and trombones was discussed. Tim will undertake recruiting efforts.
- V. Social Hours: scheduled
- VI. Piano: purchased
- VII. Doug requested eight vests for the Heritage Hall Ramblers as the group is now wearing Hawaiian shirts, which is somewhat incongruous for a Dixieland band. The cost is about \$23 each, for a total of \$185. A motion was made and seconded to make the purchase and was adopted.

VIII. Library update: Jenn reported that some members wish to share folders, and the suggestion was made that section leaders manage those requests.

A. Crowding: Due to crowding in the flute section occasioned by the number of flutists and Seamus's accommodations, Dom will consider stacking the flutes and clarinets in the first and second rows.

B. Folders: Many of the band's folders are in poor condition and many labels are inaccurate. Jenn would like a system of checking out folders at the beginning of the season and when new members are added. This record should be maintained on the attendance spreadsheet. There was discussion of the color of folders but the expense for replacing them all is high. All folders should be collected after the Valhalla concert for relabeling.

New Business:

I. Music Makers have requested a joint concert. They rehearse at the church Mondays at 5:30. Dom will speak with them regarding the June concert.

II. Group texting: no update

III. Board terms: Tim suggests staggering board membership to improve continuity and to make recruiting board members easier. Currently, half the board is new every year. He will furnish a proposal to the board.

IV. Ads: Jenny is the point person for working with Ryan at White Rabbit. Gretchen is to send her ad copy she currently has. The deadline has passed. It was decided that copies would not be furnished to individual band members in order to limit the cost of printing.

V. Historian: Old check registers have been found and were turned over to Dan. He will keep those he needs and return older ones to Phyllis.

VI. Scheduling:

A. Richard D. has been in touch with Greenwood regarding their festival. The drawing has not taken place yet.

B. BCT is booked the Friday before Halloween. Dom is unavailable the Saturday before Halloween.

New Business: none

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.