

Bloomington Community Band Board of Directors Meeting  
August 28, 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  
Jim Sowinski, Treasurer  
Ron Hardesty, Assistant Treasurer  
Gretchen Weber, Secretary  
Tony Mannia, Publicity/Development Officer  
Kyle Hetrick, Property/Equipment Manager  
Jenn Strayer, Librarian  
Phyllis Solnzeff, Historian  
Tim Bitzer, Personnel Officer  
Dominic Thompson, Director  
Doug Davis

Members Absent:

Joe Car, Assistant Director, Don Talbott, Webmaster

1. Standing Agenda Items:

- a. Since last Board meeting:
  - I. Tony Mannia, Publicity/Development approved for position via email vote (up for reelection for 2024-25)
  - II. Kyle Hetrick, Property/Equipment Manager approved for position via email vote (through 2024 and up for re-election in 2025)
  - III. Bank accounts and Vanguard Funds signature a uthorizations
  - IV. Library Intern contract
  - V. Generator purchase
  - VI. Cables purchase reimbursement
  - VII. Volunteers for openings: Ray Foster, Web Master; Mark Angelos, Historian
  - VIII. In need of volunteers: Vice Chair, Librarian, and Assistant Treasurer
  
- b. The treasurer's report was reviewed and questions addressed.
  - I. \$2600+ in dues has been collected to date.
  - II. 63 band members have paid dues.
  - III. Some in affiliated groups have not paid.
  - IV. All debits and credits will be posted on the shared 365 account.
  - V. Bloomington Free Methodist Church rental contract will be reviewed for currency.

#### 4. Old Business:

##### a. Committee reports:

- I. A table for band information and recruiting will be set up in the free area at the Showers Farmers Market, weather and schedules permitting. Gretchen is to organize.
- II. Update on \*printed items: Tim shared the banner, stickers, and boards.
- III. August 31 rehearsal space for Swing Time has been secured at BFMC ,but regular Thursdays are unavailable.

#### 5. New Business:

- a. Stickers for equipment have been received and could be sold to members for \$2.
- b. Doug requested \$108.75 reimbursement for suspenders for the Hungry Five. Motion made, seconded, and approved.
- c. Redundancy between information and announcements on the new Band app and email notifications was questioned. Dom explained that the Band app acts as a digital bulletin board. Set lists are posted there. Fifty members are on the app. Many use it for last-minute information. Band app can link with phone notifications and calendars. Posting multiple places is desirable, and anyone can post. A motion to continue using the Band app as described was made, seconded, and approved.  
\*Note: Dom reported that free printing for nonprofits may be available with Staples.
- d. Committee to slate candidates for positions on the Board for next year: Tim, Jen (chair), Rich V.
- e. Housekeeping issues with BFMC: Complaints have been received. Some issues may be attributable to the other groups that use the church. Phyllis and Rich V. walk through and clean up after every rehearsal. Rich to donate shelves. The printer and TV upstairs may be disposed of. Tidiness of coat racks and percussion storage can be improved.
- f. Management of Seamus's behavioral issues was discussed.
- g. Officers' reports:
  - I. Vice-Chair Rich D. suggested limiting the performance calendar and will circulate a proposal. Note that the Bell Trace concert has been moved to December 3 at 3:00 p.m.
  - II. None other

#### 6. Director Comments:

- a. One player per part will need to be assigned when we perform with Sing for Joy, with parts to be rotated within sections.
- b. Greenwood is not a popular destination for members, several of whom do not attend, causing imbalance.
- c. Overscheduling of performances reduces rehearsal time. Two or three rehearsals need to be allowed between performances for preparation.

#### 7. Chair's Comments:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gretchen Weber, Secretary