

Bloomington Community Band Board of Directors Meeting  
September 23, 2024

[Notes were taken from an audio recording of the meeting, information gaps noted]

Members Present:

Richard VanArsdel, President  
Richard Denning, Vice Chair/Business Manager  
Jim Sowinski, Treasurer  
Chris Billings, Librarian  
Tim Bitzer, Personnel Officer  
Dominic Thompson, Music Director  
Mark Angelos, Historian  
Joe Car, Associate Director  
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Members Absent:

Gretchen Weber, Secretary  
Tony Mannia, Publicity Officer  
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Others Present:

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Chair Richard VanArsdel called the meeting to order at Bloomington Free Methodist Church.

1. Standing Agenda Items

- a. Review of minutes from last BOD meeting—no comments
- b. Treasurer's Report: the Treasurer's report was reviewed regarding income and expenses. Tim mentioned that \$3,000 in donations from Mark Wiedenmayer have been acknowledged. Contracts were discussed. **ACTION: Dom asked for a reminder to users of band-owned instruments regarding authorization of repairs.**
- c. Items completed or voted on via email—  
Nominations pending re: publicity coordinator and personnel officer. Other positions are filled. The librarian position needs to be filled.
- d. Review of Board Member Duties Timeline: Tim brought up a possible Vanguard withdrawal. Jim mentioned a balance of over \$10,000 in our savings account. Action is needed on a decision for a withdrawal in October. Church rent is due in October.

2. Old Business

- a. Committee reports
  - I. Holiday party—**ACTION: Tim to check on the venue used three years ago because liquor was allowed.** The country club has not been checked out, but band members may have access if they are club members. **ACTION: Richard V. to poll the band.**
  - II. Slate of officers for next year—previously discussed. **ACTION: Richard V. To email the band for volunteers.**
- b. Purchase of new percussion equipment—in the absence of recommendations, this item is closed.
- c. First Street Arts Fair (wrap-up)—Tim mentioned checklist to be posted by Richard V. Prospective members' names were gathered. Percussion numbers have diminished. Location of the band was discussed. The Arts Fair committee is in charge of placement;

however, Dom suggested we ask that someone from the band be allowed to attend planning meetings. **ACTION: Richard V. to ask Doug Davis about it.**

d. Commissioned music—Dom suggested recognizing Gary Wiggins with a commission. **ACTION: A motion was made, seconded, and adopted to move ahead with a commissioned piece.** Jim raised the issue of cost (\$5000), length, and theme (patriotic). **ACTION: Richard V. to ask the band for donations.**

e. Cart repair: Dan Beeker is repairing carts.

### 3. New Business

a. Loading the trailer is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. tomorrow with helpers.

b. Put advertisement in the *Herald-Times*: Doug Davis suggested we advertise for members. Matter did not receive a motion.

c. Social hours: Richard D. reiterated Gretchen's suggestion for a board-sponsored welcome party and the Christmas party, with other social hours eliminated. Other ideas were discussed. October's social hour will commence at 8:30 in the hope that more members will stay for it if it's early. **ACTION: Item to be moved to old business and included in the year-end band survey.**

d. Update business cards with new logo and QR code: **ACTION: Richard V. to update QR codes for Zelle and Venmo and logo.**

e. Music purchase for the Hungry Five: Doug Davis submitted a list of about \$120. A motion to approve was made, seconded and adopted. **ACTION: Richard V. to notify Doug.**

f. Concert prep: Tim asked about handouts of playlists with tip jar and recruiting information on a table plus a volunteer to distribute. Richard D. suggested BCT publicity be undertaken since the Publicity Coordinator is absent. **ACTION: Tim to update posters.**

### 4. Officers' reports:

a. Secretary: absent

b. Personnel Officer: none

c. Historian: none

d. Equipment Manager: none

e. Librarian: Chris wondered when he could switch music. Suggestions were made.

f. Publicity Coordinator: absent

g. Web Master: none

h. Vice-Chair/Business Manager: Richard D. all set for Switchyard. **ACTION: RD to send an email tonight to the band with assignments for set-up help.**

### 5. Director and Associate Director Comments: None

### 6. Chair's Comments: None

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gretchen Weber, Secretary