

MSU ALUMNI BAND
Alumni Band Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Sunday, January 10, 2010

REMINDER: The next Board meeting will be Sunday, April 11, 2010

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m. by President Bill Sachs

Present: Dale Bartlett, Gary Baron, Jim Barry, Cormac Cannon, Betty Elliott, Tim Fox, Lynn Kelsey, John Madden, Henry Nelson, Jack Nelson, Greg Pell, Terry Person, Bill Sachs, Gordon Spink

2. **Secretary's Report – Betty Elliott**

The Secretary's report was approved as submitted.

3. **Treasurer's Report – Greg Pell** (attached at end of these minutes)

The Treasurer's report was approved as submitted. Greg provided a year-end summary of all expenses as well as the present report.

4. **Vice President's Report – Jim Barry**

See Jim's report attached at the end of these minutes.

5. **President's Report – Bill Sachs**

- a. Bill shared a Christmas card and picture received from Kim (*Encore*).
- b. Bill has been discussing with Kim ways of moving *The Encore* into the digital age. There are better options available for distribution than mailing alone. Via Skyp, Kim joined the meeting. She has done a web site using Word Press. This would make the distribution more timely and current, and possibly even open up ways of raising monies. We would still honor those who want hard copies. Discussion by Bill, Gary, Brad and Kim will continue on ease of program, cost of setup, numbers needed to make it financially wise, etc.
 - i. Pros: excellent way of communicating with membership
 - ii. Cons: won't solve registration problem or collection of dues. Gary is checking out the possibility of using MSUAA services for dues collections We could bring in more dues if members could pay by credit cards

6. **Band Director's Report – John Madden**

- a. John reported that the Alamo Bowl trip was very successful. Two and a half planes were filled. The whole band attended but due to budget restraints all staff did not. Many You Tube videos are out. He returned home to multiple e-mails from Texas Tech alums stating how classy our band was. Not a glitch at all in anything this year.
- b. The Youth Band's first semester has been successfully completed with Cormac Cannon, the newest Assistant Director of Bands, spearheading. This is a very important outreach and recruiting tool.
- c. John Corigliano will be in residence for a week and a concert on April 24th, performing his 3rd Symphony, Circus Maximus.
- d. John gave huge kudos to Jack Nelson for all the work he once again did for the Holiday Pep bands (see Jack's report). This is a great help and relief to John each year, knowing that Jack has it totally under control, and John need not be in attendance.
- e. John wants everyone to be thinking about the upcoming 40th anniversary and what to do program-wise to honor it.

7. Member Relations Report – Tim Fox

- a. Tim indicated Bill wrote a letter to all members who paid dues but did not show up at the fall reunion, as well as those who made scholarship donations.
- b. All of the Four Roses DVD's have been sold and 25 more ordered.
- c. Tim has a DVD copy for the archives of the "First Performance of the Kick Step on 10/10/53".

8. Old Business

- a. Fall Reunion Committees: See the VP report. Gary Baron's name should be added to those listed on the committee.
- b. Encore – Spring Deadline: The deadline to get all articles, pictures, etc. to Kim is January 18th.
- c. Spring Reunion: Bob received a letter from Kevin Sedatole reviewing procedures to follow, directors to be invited, hosts, etc.
 - i. Concert will be shared with the Concert Band; 40 minutes
 - ii. Will be held at Fairchild, so no room for a combined performance
 - iii. Service group will again take care of refreshments.
 - iv. Emeritus conductors will play a bigger role.
 - v. Bill and/or Kevin will handle all communication/invites to guest conductors.
- d. Holiday Alumni Bands: Jack reported:
 - i. The Alumni Band performed at a record number of holiday sporting events (3 men's games; 3 women's games, 2 hockey games and 2 games at the GLT)
 - ii. 161 different individuals performed; many in multiple groups; beats last year's count of 117.
 - iii. There were at one time 2 different bands playing simultaneously at 2 different locations

- iv. Averaged 10 more musicians per game than last year
- v. 5 different conductors
- vi. Getting more younger alums that aren't participating in the fall reunions; will try to use this as an incentive to get fall participation
- vii. The most challenging and time consuming issue is the music management. Jack will write an event management summary so that additional volunteers can be recruited to help him

9. New Business

- a. MSUAA Magazine Publicity: Gordon Spink has agreed to remain liaison, and appreciates all the help that Jim Barry has given. Gordon announced that the new MSUAA president is Scott Westerman. He's a very strong supporter of the band and will be pushing for our continued recognition.
- b. MSUAA National Board: Gordon reported that the National Board has two openings for alum interest groups if anyone is interested in running for office, or knows of anyone that is.
- c. Holiday Alumni Gigs See under old business. Jack reported additionally that we may be asked to play for an MSU baseball game to be held at Luginuts Stadium in June.

The next meeting of the board will be Sunday, April 11, 2010
The meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Elliott, Secretary

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Treasurer's Report

August 1, 2009 – October 31, 2009

Revenue & Expenditures

Total Beginning Check Balance \$6,408.73

Revenues:

Deposit Fall Dues	\$2,910.50
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Total Deposits \$12,246.00

Sub-total \$18,654.73

Expenditures:

#1080 Foresight Group, Encore	\$2,288.45
#1081 K-Hop Design Spring	600.00
#1082 Brad Halls – Web Development	500.00
#1083 Carl Eastlick – 4 Roses DVD	210.00
#1084 Subway – Fall	819.00
#1085 Dale Bartlett – Golf Expense	1,708.40
#1086 Old Country – Coffee/Donuts	1,075.00
#1087 Foresight Group Envelopes	365.82
<u>#1088 Foresight Group – Foreign postage</u>	<u>18.43</u>

Total Expenditures (\$7,585.10)

Ending Checking Balance \$11,069.63

Current Bank Balance as of October 31, 2009

Certificate of Deposit (as of September 30, 2009)	\$5,921.05
(Interest rate 3.73%) (Interest YTD \$89.74)	

Checking Account

\$11,069.63

Total Cash Available

\$16,990.68

Respectfully Submitted, Greg Pell, Treasurer
(Sunday, November 8, 2009)