

**MSU ALUMNI BAND**  
Alumni Band Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
Sunday, August 29, 2010

**REMINDER:** The next Board meeting will be Sunday, November 7, 2010

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. by President Bill Sachs

**Present:** Dale Bartlett, Gary Baron, Jim Barry, Kenneth Bloomquist, Lynn Brown, Betty Elliott, Tim Fox, Lynn Kelsey, Jack Nelson, Greg Pell, Bill Sachs  
**Guest:** Melissa Mackey

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 with a few spelling corrections.

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

- a. Kirk Gartside will be at the reunion with product; he has indicated that he will get a check in the mail for proceeds from last season's sales.
- b. The September 25<sup>th</sup> reunion show will represent music for the past 4 decades, representing the Alumni Band's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Jim solicited suggestions from past members; got a good response and along with John Madden has a good selection of music prepared. There will be some old maneuvers (pass thru). Jim plans on asking Tim Skubik to be the announcer.
- c. Jim is continuously sending pictures and articles to the MSUAA magazine but will make every attempt to have one in the football program as well.
- d. Jim obtained 7 parking passes for free.

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

- a. Bill is requesting that all past Alumni Board presidents, those attendees that have been at each reunion, and any other specials, be announced at the rehearsal, and if at all possible at the halftime (just a wave), and listed in the game program if possible.
- b. Bill sent a green and white floral arrangement for Dr. Harry Begian's funeral on the Board's behalf. He suggested that both the web site and *The Encore* list those alums that are deceased.
- c. Michigan Tech contacted us about forming an alumni band and Joe Levine will provide them with a copy of our by-laws.

- d. Invitations will be sent to all former conductors and past presidents to be a part of future concerts.
- e. Band jacket replacements – Bill will get a copy of the Athletic department’s official replacement guidelines as well as the SMB’s for future replacement requests.

## 6. Band Director’s Report

No band directors were in attendance due to SMB parent parade.

## 7. Member Relations Report – Tim Fox

- a. Reported that 137 are signed up to march, with 8 not marching as of 8/28. There have been 224 bad addresses were returned out of 2400 sent; and 79 have indicated they will not be attending. A low response for this close to the reunion date.
- b. Very low scholarship donations this time around.

## 8. Old Business:

- a. Nomination Committee: The committee met and brainstormed, attempting to find new people with new ideas. Jack has been moved from “at large” status to Special Events Coordinator. Our guest today, Melissa Mackey has been added to the suggested slate of officers to be an “at large” member and Stacie Detgen has been added as Vice President. Both have accepted the nomination. Bill will present the slate for approval at the Fall reunion on 9/25.

The Committee feels the need to review the selection and election process, which they will do. Tim will provide Bill the names of those who expressed interest via Facebook, so that letters can be sent acknowledging such.

- b. 40<sup>th</sup> Fall Reunion Committee (Gary, Tim, Jim, et al)
  - i. Betty will send the usual invitations to President Simon, Coach Izzo, Mr. Westerman and Mr. Hollis, inviting them to say a few words at rehearsal.
  - ii. Gary reported that music is almost ready to e-mail out to participants; still waiting on a few pieces from Mr. Madden
- c. Band jacket replacement. See above in President’s Report

## 9. New Business:

- a. Spring Reunion: Mr. Bloomquist expressed some serious concerns over the reduced numbers participating in alumni events. Discussion produced the following:
  - i. We need a current SMB member at these board meetings; possibly elected to be a voting member

- ii. We need to be pro-active with the current SMB during the season as well as the banquet at the end of the season; ask the SMB president to talk at the banquet about the alumni group; attend the Band Fan breakfast.
  - iii. We must obtain the names of all SMB band members for our data base
  - iv. Make frequent use of Facebook and Twitter as well as e-mail
  - v. Send *The Encore* via e-mail.
  - vi. Rethink our mission; need to have a short slogan as to why we exist; marketing has to be about the people.
  - vii. Committee was formed to work with current SMB (Melissa, Jack, Gary and Jim)
- b. Additional Spring reunion:
- i. About 15 responses were received from the polling regarding location of the Spring reunion with responses split down the middle.
  - ii. May 1<sup>st</sup> has been booked at Fairchild Theater for our group only, with the cost of \$750 our responsibility. Decision to stick with this date, location and cost was made for this year.
  - iii. Future venues at possible lesser cost might be local high schools, but attendance is then a question. Research will take place before next year's scheduling of the Spring reunion.
- c. Listserve e-mail: Joe is currently still maintaining the e-mail blast (newsletter) that is sent to members; but wants to turn this over to someone else. He will get the details of the process to Bill (who can manage; who can maintain; a possible MSU connection, etc.).
- d. All else:
- i. Jack has the truck reserved for the Homecoming parade on 10/15.
  - ii. Jack has notice that our pep band participation will most likely be needed for two hockey games (11/2 and 11/3), 2 men's basketball games and 4 women's, as well as 3 hockey games over the holiday.
  - iii. Jack received a call from the Athletic Dept. for a "Meet the Team" band held at the Meridian Mall. Because we couldn't commit as quickly as they would have liked we were not utilized. Jack and Greg will pursue this for next year.
  - iv. Jack wants to look ahead to all possible SMB conflicts where we might be able to provide a band, to avoid these last minute requests and difficulty in reaching the numbers needed to participate.
  - v. Gary reported that the By-Laws require board approval. Moved, seconded and supported to approve.
  - vi. Lynn Brown reported that 28 people have paid for the Fall Reunion Golf outing. She has had a good response from stores for prizes. While she has never had to use it in the past, she once again would like a \$100 commitment from this group for prizes. Moved, seconded and supported to provide \$100 if needed.

- vii. Dale Bartlett reported that the trip to Italy was terrific. The next trip in two years will be Russia in the form of a riverboat cruise. There will be a dinner gathering after the game on 9/25 for those tour band attendees.
- e. Next Meeting: November 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00. Remember the Daylight Savings time change that day.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Betty Elliott, Secretary

# MSU Alumni Band

## Treasurer's Report

June 1 – August 29, 2010

### Revenue & Expenditures

Total Beginning Check Balance \$7,682.29

### Revenues:

Deposit Dues & DVD Sales thru 8-12-2010 \$3,420.00

Total Deposits \$3,420.00

Sub-total \$11,102.29

### Expenditures:

#1107 KHOP Design \$600.00

#1108 Postmaster \$610.22

#1109 Bill Sachs – Begian Flowers \$119.26

#1110 Foresight - Envelopes \$281.52

#1111 Foresight – Encore \$2,326.31

Total Expenditures (\$3,937.31)

Ending Checking Balance \$7,164.98

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### Current Bank Balance as of Aug. 29, 2010

Certificate of Deposit (as of Aug. 29, 2010) (0.75%) \$5,959.85

Checking Account \$7,164.98

Total Cash Available \$13,124.83

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Respectfully Submitted, Greg Pell, Treasurer

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## **MSU Alumni Band**

### **Treasurer's Report -- Scholarships**

#### Total Awarded:

2006 Scholarship	\$ 1,000.00
2007 Commission Project	2,500.00
2007 Wind Symphony	1,500.00
2008 Scholarship	2,000.00
<u>2010 Scholarship</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>
Total To Date	\$11,000.00

#### Total Contributions Received:

2004 – 2009 Per Gary Baron	\$ 5,179.83
<u>2009 – 2010 From Tim Fox</u>	<u>300.00</u>
Total Received	\$ 5,479.83

Net Amount from Dues Dedicated to Awards \$ 5,520.17