

MSU ALUMNI BAND
Alumni Band Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Sunday, November 6, 2011

REMINDER: The next Board meeting will be Sunday, January 15, 2012

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. by President Jim Barry, at the Olympus Room of the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center.

Present: Jim Barry, Betty Elliott, Tim Fox, Susan Gould, Melissa Mackey, Jack Nelson, Greg Pell, and Bob Rice

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

The Secretary's report was approved as submitted.

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

Greg explained that the golf outing did not lose money as it appears in the report. Due to the electronic registration gold process outing fees were included in the membership. Tim will separate it out by the next meeting.

Greg also reported that he is once again on the Downtown Coaches Board and will be our voice for any possible future donations.

4. **Vice President's Report – Stacie Detgen**

Stacie reported that the attempt to reduce the cost of fall reunion rehearsal refreshments was successful (previously as much as \$1500; down to \$725). She feels it can be even less next year.

Tim thanked Stacie for getting the parking passes so much more in advance this year.

5. **President's Report – Jim Barry** (see attached)

- a. Jim indicated he and Greg will be going to the SMB annual meeting on 11/21 at 4:30 in Dem Hall to present the pins to graduating seniors. All are welcome to join. E-mail Jim if you can attend.
- b. Discussion ensued about the loyalty of Coach Izzo and President Simon always being at the fall reunion rehearsals, no matter how busy their schedules. It was thought that maybe a band jacket could be awarded to Coach Izzo, who is a favorite among the SMB members, with various ideas on how that might be handled. Jim will speak with John Madden about it and report back at the next meeting.

Jim's report was approved as submitted.

6. Band Director's Report – No Directors Available

- a. John is judging at UIL Texas State Marching Band Championships.
- b. Cormack was injured in a pedestrian/auto accident and currently on crutches.

7. Member Relations Coordinator's Report – Tim Fox

- a. Tim reported that 5 days after registrations were stopped on line, he had a check in hand for the monies promised. Electronic registration is considered very successful for the first time used.
- b. He provided a breakdown of the registrants and various graduation years.
- c. It was noted that there was a big difference in the amount given to the scholarship fund via electronic registrations as opposed to mail-in registrations. Tim also shows a discrepancy in what he shows in these two funds as opposed to what the MSU Development Fund shows, and will schedule a meeting to straighten that out.
- d. All figures were down this year. Perhaps larger last year due to seating, or the date.

Tim's report was approved as submitted.

8. Special Projects Coordinator's Report – Jack Nelson

- a. Jack reported 47 members participated in the Homecoming Parade, about the same as last year. Crowds were estimated to be approximately 10,000. Thank you notes will be sent to individuals providing the flatbed, the driver, etc., and letters to the Lansing State Journal to publicly thank them will be sent also.
- b. A last minute 23 piece pep band was provided for the hockey game which was on the same night as the Spartan Spectacular.
- c. Pep bands will be needed for 4 men's games, 1 women's game and 2 hockey games at Joe Lewis Arena. Based on the football team's success, more may be required. Jack will finalize all these details before sending out an e-mail blast for participant reservations.

9. List serve Manager's Report – Nancy Nelson – Not available

10. Tour Band Representative's Report – Dale Bartlett – Not available

11. Golf Outing Coordinator's Report – Dale Bartlett – Not available

12. Old Business

- a. Fall reunion – music issues. We absolutely have to have the music sooner. Delays caused multiple e-mails because not all music was available for one full e-mailing. Jim will schedule a 1:1 meeting with John to see what we need to do to make this happen

Instrument rentals did not happen as planned. More communication is needed for that as well as the tuba covers and will be on the list of tasks for next year.

Jim reported that John felt it was a complete success and Kevin's words were "perfect".

- b. Encouraging new grad participation – Melissa reported that it is probably too late to implement some of the suggested ideas (from last meeting's report) due to SMB season almost done. We do feel that we should, and could, get a student rep to come to our meetings.
- c. Policy for registration fee returns. It's never been done in the past. It was moved, seconded and passed that we include a "non-refundable registration fee" line on the registration form.
- d. Spring Reunion – Jim reported that Mr. Bloomquist is unavailable to conduct, Catron and Sedatole are available and Whitwell is unknown at this point in time. Both the East Lansing High School location and the Fairchild Theater will cost about the same, \$800. It was moved, seconded and passed that we perform the Spring concert in Fairchild Theater, rehearse there and transport percussion equipment from the music building.

Jim will check with John as to the availability of some student ensembles that can perform with us.

Betty felt there should be more advertising of the event. Melissa will ask Henry Nelson for assistance/advice, as well as approach Jerry Madden and/or Donna Heiner, both of whom successfully advertise the summer East Lansing Kiwanis Community Concert Band.

13. New Business

- a. Leonard Falcone Statue – Dr. Whitwell approached Jim about the possibility of a stature in memory of Mr. Falcone, perhaps in front of Dem Hall. Jim has spoken to John Madden, Kevin Sedatole, Ken Bloomquist, and Dave Catron about the idea, and all are supportive of the possibility. John Madden indicated that this has been suggested in the past. The timing is appropriate due to the ages of Falcone students on the rosters. Jim indicated that there are lots of University requirements that must be followed, we'll need to get an artist rendition to get a cost estimate and come up with a campaign to promote. Greg will check out costs of the Magic Johnson and John Hannah statues. It was moved, seconded and passed that this group will begin the investigation process.
- b. Band Jackets – Donations (\$140) have already come in since President Simon's appeal at the fall reunion rehearsal. Madden suggested that this become another line on the registration form. He reported that MSU SMB is the only band in the Big 10 that has all members wearing the jackets. It was moved, seconded and passed that this group spearhead this campaign of providing every new freshman with a band jacket at no cost

(or reduced cost based on contributions) but NOT commit to any particular amount of money for the project.

14. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 4:05. The next meeting will be January 15, 2012.

Respectfully submitted

Betty M. Elliott

MSU Alumni Band

Treasurer's Report August 22, 2011 – November 6, 2011

Revenue & Expenditures:

Beginning Checking Balance \$ 3,298.37

Revenue:

8/22/11	Deposit – Fall Dues	\$ 2,194.50
9/15/11	Deposit – Fall Dues	928.50
9/20/11	Deposit – Fall Dues	7,526.92
9/20/11	Deposit – Golf Outing	1,160.00
9/20/11	Deposit – Adjustment	<u>10.00</u>

Total Revenue \$ 11,819.92

Sub Total \$ 15,118.29

Expenditures:

#1150	Tim Fox – Adm. Supplies	\$ 114.78
#1151	Subway	1,059.50
#1152	Old Country Caterers	725.00
#1153	Robert Walters – Golf Refund	25.00
#1154	Dale Bartlett – Golf Reimbursement	1,848.14
#1155	Joe Levine – Reception	108.45
#1156	Greg Pell – Board Expense	<u>185.28</u>

Total Expenditures (\$ 4,066.15)

Total Ending Checking Balance \$ 11,052.14

Current Bank Balances as of November 6, 2011:

Certificate of Deposit (0.65%) (September 2012) \$ 6,004.89

Checking Balance \$ 11,052.14

Total Cash Available \$ 17,057.03

Respectfully Submitted, Greg Pell, Treasurer
Sunday, November 6, 2011

MSU Alumni Band

President's Report November 6, 2011

Our **41st Annual Fall Reunion** on September 10, 2011 was a success, with MSU band directors and former directors, Kevin Sedatole, John Madden, Cormac Cannon, Ken Bloomquist, John Whitwell, and Dave Catron all on the podium. It was a welcoming atmosphere and a beautiful day on campus, and we saw an MSU win over Florida Atlantic from our much-appreciated new viewing venue in stadium seats above the SMB in the south endzone. A jointly-sponsored Phi-Mu Alpha/MSU Alumni Band reception in Dem Hall concluded the day. The first-ever on-line registration and the day-of check-in procedures were accomplished with the talented and always well-prepared duo of Gary Baron and Tim Fox, with help from a number of volunteers. The always-challenging negotiation of getting our business and recognition handled appropriately within the context of a too-short indoor rehearsal was accomplished. Those in attendance enjoyed the comments of MSU President LuAnna K. Simon and Roy Simon, Head Men's Basketball Coach Tom Izzo, and Director of Athletics Mark Hollis.

We will again plan to **attend the SMB Annual Business Meeting** to speak to the SMB on behalf of the Alumni Band and present each of the seniors with S pin. We would like to: 1. show appreciation to SMB on behalf of MSU Alumni Band 2. congratulate SMB on its season 3. recognize SMB seniors 4. let SMB know about the Alumni Band and to welcome them to participate when they're ready.

Ken Bloomquist has finished his week of tests at the MD Anderson Cancer in Houston, received "all A's" and is still cancer-free. He'll continue to go back every 3 months for tests. Great news, and he has appreciated all the support and well-wishes from the Alumni Band. He will be in Tennessee for the Great Smokey Mountain Music Festival on that weekends of April 15, April 22, and April 29. The weekend after April 29 is MSU Commencement weekend (Sunday, May 6) and the next weekend is Mothers' Day (Sunday, May 13). So, unfortunately, Ken will not be able to be with us for the Spring Reunion on April 29, 2012. Email: Ken/Ann Bloomquist [kenannbloomquist@yahoo.com]

MSU Alumni Association Magazine articles & pictures will have a deadline of about December 15, 2011. If you would like to write a news story and/or have a high-resolution picture to accompany it, please let me know.

The format for our annual **Spring** Reunion, which is currently scheduled for Sunday, April 29, 2012, continues to evolve as we look for stability in our rehearsal and performance venue, conductors and format. Discussion at today's meeting and consequent planning are on the docket.

Bylaws revisions: Bylaws changes were adopted at the Fall Reunion by a resounding majority. The changes are on the website and we will re-do the official link soon. These changes relate to and will be up on the website soon. are now a link on the website. See document with current and proposed wording changes to seven sections of the Bylaws. These changes relate to board member titles, and indemnification of those who represent the Alumni Band.

New Projects for discussion are financial support for the **MSU Band Jacket Fund**, and a **Leonard Falcone Stature** on campus.

I continue to enjoy doing trying to do my part for the Alumni Band!

MSU Alumni Band - Fall Reunions

Year	Registered/ Marching	Registered/Hot Marching	Walk-ins (Marching)	No-Shows	Total Attending	Paid Dues / Not Attending	No Dues Paid / Not Attending	Total - Paid Dues	Undeliverable forms	Total Responses	Attendees Registered on time	Late Registrations (not including walk-ins)	Responded/ Registered/ paid on-line	Responded/ Registered/ aid Dues by mail	Responded/ no dues paid (on- line)	Responded - no dues paid (by mail)	Overall % On-line	Mail	Lunches ordered
2009	268	NA	29	30	NA	130		NA	58										NA
2010	300	16	35	20	331	124		455	60	515	318	102	244				66.4%		176
2011	249	13	16	14	264	92	14	356	58	428	219	43	244	114	3	11	66.4%	33.6%	159

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