

MSU ALUMNI BAND
Alumni Band Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Sunday, January 15, 2012

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Jim Barry, at the Olympus Room of the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center.

Present: Jim Barry, Lynn Brown, Betty Elliott, Tim Fox, Stacey Detgen, Susan Gould, Melissa Mackey, John Madden, Jack Nelson, Nancy Nelson, Greg Pell, Bob Rice and Bill Sachs

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

The Secretary's report was approved as submitted with the following corrections:

- Item #3: "gold" should be "golf"
- Item 8c: Lewis should be Louis
- Item 7a: should be "Greg reported that about 1 week"

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

Greg reminded us that disbursement of spring scholarship money is coming up. Accounting this year will include more accurate incoming scholarship donation information.

4. **Past-President's Report – Bill Sachs**

Bill reminded us that the next issue of *The Encore* is soon; he hopes for a 2/1 deadline for all article and/or picture submissions. 75-100 members have requested snail mail copies. At that rate it will not be worth have Foresight do the mailing. Less than 1000 would mean increased costs and may require reducing pages in the US mail issues.

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

Stacie reported nothing new since previous meeting.

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

Jim's report was approved as submitted.

7. **Band Director's Report**

- a. John Madden reported that the Big Ten Championship game went very well; nice hotel, combined bands for National Anthem; AD's office confirmed support of the band; will flip flop responsibilities each upcoming year. The outback Bowl was terrific;

everything is down pat now that we're regularly attending Bowl games. All travel nuances are now going very well. The athletics office handles everything up front along with all other details. Band members are treated first class and know the rules. It was a great fall season and spring is looking to be very busy with numerous invites.

- b. Kevin Sedatole – see attached report

8. Member Relations Coordinator's Report – Tim Fox

- a. Tim reported that pins have been ordered for the seniors in a quantity that should last a few years.
- b. Five 4 Roses DVDs are left.
- c. Tim met with Rebecca Surian to clarify how scholarship donations are reported and reports to this group that both his figures and Rebecca's agree.

Tim's report was approved as submitted.

9. Special Projects Coordinator's Report – Jack Nelson

- a. Jack was awarded the Downtown Coaches Club annual Spirit Award, which came as a complete surprise and was very impressive to be band related as opposed to specific sports related. Hearty congratulations and appreciation were expressed by all.
- b. Jack reported all went very well with the holiday pep bands. A record attendance of 164 players played at one or more games. Each group was a minimum of 50 pieces. One group of 80 had 20 younger alums playing. The average age is going down, which is what we want to see – more participation from recent alums.
- c. Members also played for the alumni IZZONE pre-game reception.
- d. 20 Detroit area alums participated in the game at GLI.
- e. Having music ahead of time helped tremendously and thanks to Nancy for her spread sheet keeping things in order.

10. Event Manager's report – Gary Baron – See Presidents report

Gary also reports that he wants to increase the window of availability of music for the spring concert and welcomes volunteers.

11. List Serve Manager's Report – Nancy Nelson

Nancy reports there are numerous bad e-mail addresses. The Board approved her using her own judgement as to which addresses should be permanently eliminated.

12. Tour Band Representative's Report – Dale Bartlett - nothing new to report

13. Old Business

- a. Spring Reunion – See President’s report. Music needs to be selected and announced in *The Encore*. Conductors will choose a piece and Mr. Madden can plan around it. Selections should be made by 2/1, with a scan deadline of 2/15 and a distribution deadline of 2/29. Jim will work with John on this.
- b. Recent Grad Participation – John will appoint an enthusiastic individual (or two) that plays a lot and will be invited to regularly attend Board meetings starting with the next one.
- c. Falcone Statue – See President’s Report. John indicated there a zillion hoops to jump thru and a lot to discuss before further movement can be made. It was decided that a person that is very compassionate about the subject who could work hand-in-hand with a large contributor(s) should be appointed to work on the endeavor. Bill and John will work on deciding who that might be. Greg will be in charge of any contribution accounting. It was moved by Stacie, seconded by Melissa and unanimously approved that we should proceed at this level. If it becomes an impossibility, then perhaps considering a bust inside the music building would be appropriate.

15. New Business

- a. a. Fall Reunion - Date is 10/13/12 against Iowa (Homecoming). Seating is yet to be finalized but we are hoping for same in-stand seating near SMB. Nancy will send an e-mail blast with a “Save the Date” (hotels book quickly). Program will be themed around celebrating the 40th anniversary of women being allowed in the SMB.
- b. ABA Convention sponsorship – It was moved, supported and approved that we would co-sponsor (up to \$500) a coffee break in honor of John Whitwell and Ken Bloomquist at the annual ABA Convention.

16. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 4:06. The next meeting will be April 15, 2012.

Respectfully submitted

Betty M. Elliott

MSU Alumni Band

President's Report January 15, 2012

I attended **MSU Band Fan Breakfast on November 19**, and spoke to those in attendance on behalf of the Alumni Band .

Greg Pell, Stacie Detgen, Bob Rice, and I represented the Alumni Band at the Spartan Marching Band's **Annual Business Meeting on November 28**. We congratulated the band on their season, conveyed our thanks and respect, wished them luck in the Big Ten Championship game, let them know about the Alumni Band and encouraged them to participate when they're ready, and presented approximately 65 seniors with a pin in recognition of their years in the SMB.

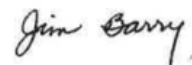
The **Annual Spring Reunion** will be held back at Fairchild Auditorium on Sunday, April 29, 2012. We rehearsed at the Music Building and performed at East Lansing High School last year. After considering costs and the value of being on campus, we will be back on campus this year. Kevin Sedatole has reserved the facility for us and has volunteered to do everything he can to keep the cost as low as possible. John Madden has volunteered to host the event again this year. Both John and Kevin will be there with us. Information provided to for the Fairchild reservation was: 7:15 am-Set-up, 8:00 am-Registration & Social time, 9:00 am-Rehearsal, 12:00 pm-Lunch at Kellogg Center, 2:30pm-Return to Fairchild, 3:00 pm - Concert, ~4:30 pm-vacate. Greg Pell will communicate with the Kellogg Center regarding lunch. Gary Baron requests that he would appreciate anything we can do to increase the window for music preparation. Gary also asks for volunteers (board or otherwise) to visually scan the music and erase any markings that would make the music hard to read after it's scanned. We know that Dave Catron will be on hand to conduct, and that Ken Bloomquist will not, due to judging commitments. We have not as yet heard back from John Whitwell.

Greg Pell has heard from a contact @ MSU who handled both the John Hannah and Magic Johnson statues and will be happy to work with us if we go forward with the **Leonard Falcone statue project**. The cost for the Hannah project was approx \$200,000. The Magic statue was more because MSU used the same artist from Los Angeles who did the statue that the Los Angeles Lakers put up.

Bylaws revisions: Bylaws changes that were adopted at the Fall Reunion have been sent to Brad Halls, our webmaster for posting on the website. These changes relate to board member titles, and indemnification of those who represent the Alumni Band.

I continue to enjoy contributing to the Alumni Band!

Cordially,



Jim Barry

From: Kevin Sedatole [ksed@msu.edu]
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2012 9:32 PM
To: Jim Barry
Subject: Re: MSU Alumni Band mtg Sun. Jan 15, 2pm

Jim,

I regret that I will not be able to make it to the Alumni Band Board meeting this Sunday.

I'm conducting the Oregon All-State Band this weekend and then fly to Honolulu where I'm conducting the equivalent of their All-State Band. (tough gig but somebody's got to do it)

Please extend a huge thank you to the Alumni Pep Band- Jack Nelson for covering the holiday games for us. They did a great job. I got a lot of terrific feedback on their performances. Job well done. We really appreciate it.

You might report that the Wind Symphony is well into it's preparations for our CBDNA performance as well as the performance for the American Bandmasters Association on March 1.

Speaking of ABA- the MSU Bands is hosting a coffee break at the ABA convention. It's common for different universities to host a coffee break during the business meeting of the ABA conventions. Do you think the Alumni Band could put any funds towards this in honor of our Director of Bands Emeriti- KGB and JLW. The total bill is \$1,000. We could split it between the band department and the Alumni Band. Let me know what you think.

Thanks again for the wonderful work.

You can pass it on if anyone wants to hear our preview ABA concert we will be performing it on Feb. 9th in a joint concert with Symphony Band. 7:30 p.m., Wharton Center.

Thanks,
Kevin

On Jan 8, 2012, at 3:56 PM, Jim Barry wrote:

> Hi Alumni Band board and MSU band directors,
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> Our next board meeting is scheduled for next Sunday, January 15 at 2:00 pm at the Kellogg Center Olympus Room.
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> If you have any agenda items, please let me know.
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> Looking forward to seeing you there!
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> Jim
> 517-230-5924
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MSU Alumni Band

Treasurer's Report November 7, 2011 – January 14, 2012

Revenue & Expenditures:

Beginning Checking Balance \$ 11,052.14

Revenue:

11/07/11	Deposit Fall Dues	\$ 603.00
11/27/11	Deposit Miscellaneous	58.00

Total Revenue \$ 661.00

Sub Total \$ 11,713.14

Expenditures:

#1157	Jack Nelson – Homecoming Exp.	\$ 151.71
#1158	Jim Barry – Reunion Exp.	94.13
#1159	Tim Fox – Fall Adm. Exp.	207.72
#1160	Brad Halls – Web Page	500.00
#1161	Gary Baron – IT Honor	500.00

Total Expenditures (\$ 1,453.56)

Total Ending Checking Balance \$ 10,259.58

Current Bank Balances as of December 30, 2011:

Certificate of Deposit (0.25%) (September 2012) \$ 6,008.64

Checking Balance \$ 10,259.58

Total Cash Available \$ 16,268.22

Respectfully Submitted, Greg Pell, Treasurer
Sunday, January 15, 2012