

MSU Alumni Band
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2012

Next Board Meeting: Sunday, June 24, 2012 2:00 pm

1. Meeting Called to order at 2:02 PM By President Jim Barry, at the Olympus Room of the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center.

Present: Nancy Nelson, Jack Nelson, Stacie Detgen, Susan Gould, Bill Sachs, Jim Barry, Tim Fox, Gary Baron, Greg Pell, Bob Rice, John Madden and Dale Bartlett.

2. **Secretary's Report – Betty Elliott** is not in attendance. Minutes were approved from January 15 as printed. Susan Gould will take minutes for the remainder of today's meeting.
3. **Treasurer's Report – Greg Pell.** Greg presented the report for the period Jan. 15, 2012-Apr. 15, 2012. Beginning checking balance was \$10,259.58, ending checking balance was \$7,746.86. Certificate of Deposit is \$6012.37. Total cash available is then \$13,759.23 Full report will be included on the website. The cost of producing the most recent issue of the *Encore* was significantly less because of the reduced mailing and printing costs for our new online version. Move to accept: Jim Barry, Second by Stacie Detgen. Report accepted as presented.
4. **Past President's Report – Bill Sachs.** Bill discussed the good news that the costs of distributing the *Encore* are greatly reduced thanks to linking the publication to our website, and the number of members electing to receive it electronically instead of US Mail. Move to accept: Greg Pell, Second by Stacie Detgen. Report accepted as presented.
5. **Vice-President's Report – Stacie Detgen.** Addressed music for our Spring Reunion. All has been obtained and distributed well in advance. Move to accept: Bill Sachs, Second by Jim Barry. Report accepted.
6. **President's Report – Jim Barry.** No report: Move to accept by Greg Pell, Second by Bob Rice. Lack of report accepted.
7. **Band Director's Report – John Madden.** CBDNA Performance at Central Michigan University last February was outstanding. ABA performance in Indianapolis the week prior was also stellar. MSU was given the opportunity to perform in addition to the host bands (Indiana, Purdue, Butler and MSU all performed). Incredible national recognition for our bands and MSU. The reception in honor of Ken Bloomquist and John Whitwell (which was co-sponsored by the Alumni Band for \$500) was well attended, and very well received.

From Kevin Sedatole in absentia: Concert on Sunday, April 22 with the Spartan Youth Wind Symphony and the MSU Wind Symphony will feature guest conductors Jamal Duncan and Armand Hall in their final performance at MSU, and a performance of the Maslanka, Symphony #4. The recipients of the Bloomquist Award will be presented to Bryan Guarnuccio and the Whitwell Award will be presented to Wesley Warnhoff. Both will be at our rehearsal on April 29.

Motion to accept by Greg Pell, Second by Jim Barry. Reports accepted

8. Member Relations Coordinator's Report- Tim Fox

New on-line registration for Spring Registration: 85% took advantage of this opportunity. 75 have registered, 72 did so on time, and 37 new members paid alumni band registrations at this time of year. Very positive enrollment for the event!

Motion to accept by Stacie Detgen, Second by Greg Pell. Report accepted

9. Special Project Coordinator's Report – Jack Nelson. No report.

Move to accept by Stacie Detgen, Second by Jim Barry. Lack of report accepted.

10. Event Manager's Report - Gary Baron. Tagging on Bill Sach's report on the Encore: Reminder that the NEXT issue of the encore will only be mailed (snail mail) to those who have requested a copy. Members will need to check the website for event enrollment Email reminders and updates will continue. Bob Rice questioned if this will affect our fall attendance. Another item to consider is the distribution of spring music and registration for the spring event to happen just a bit sooner to allow enough time for proper distribution. Gary will bring this up at a future meeting, but the suggestion to discuss spring music selections at our January meeting. Gary was also concerned about the non-returning band member list. He has not received this from the MSU Band department. John Madden suggested Charlene Wagner in the MSU Band office for this information. Motion to accept by Greg Pell, Second by Jim Barry. Report accepted.

11. List Serve Manager's Report – Nancy Nelson. Nothing new. There was discussion on the number of email addresses are no longer viable, and many are returned. Gary mentioned the confusion the may arise for some with multiple emails for different people involved. Move to accept by Stacie Detgen, Second by Bill Sachs. Accepted.

12. Tour Band Representative's Report – Dale Bartlett. 28 signed up for Scotland so far. Date in July is a deadline for no return on deposit. At this time a decision must be made as to whether this trip is a social trip, or if a band tour is part of the event. Also, reported that Ken Bloomquist's latest

health report is very positive, and he continues to travel and adjudicated nationally. Motion to accept by Susan Gould, Second by Stacie Detgen. Report Accepted.

13. Old Business

- a. Spring Reunion:
 - i. We will have our spring reunion luncheon in the State Room, which was negotiated because no other rooms were available at the Kellogg Center. So far, there are 63 who have RSVP'd for the event. The room only holds 23. Communications will continue on how to accommodate all of the luncheon attendees.
 - ii. Discussion from Jim Barry regarding repertoire and who was planning to conduct which piece. Some concern has been expressed that the music may be 'too much/difficult' to accomplish with limited rehearsal time. After discussion, it's determined that we'll go ahead with the program. Thoughts seemed to center around the idea that many alumni are looking forward to having at least one selection that is a bit more demanding. Bill Sachs suggested adding a Survey Monkey to the spring registration information to further our insight on players' needs and opinions regarding repertoire.
 - iii. Bob Rice also questioned publicity regarding the spring event. He asked John Madden if our spring date could be added to the university music calendar. He was sure it could be. Gary Baron will make contact with the LSJ as well as campus posters in the lobby of the music building. Nancy Nelson will have Kathleen Adams add our event to the electronic list (shown on Campus TV) Tim Fox will have it on FB and send a Facebook invitation. In the future, we should assign publicity to an individual to handle all publicity. Discussion continued toward communicating our events to local school programs through MSBOA as well.
 - iv. Other spring details – instrument availability (no rental fees for the spring) set up, space for donuts, registration, etc.
 - v. Program- MSU Band office will handle our programs.
 - vi. Jim will handle formal invitations to directors and their spouses for the luncheon, and will follow through with Kevin Sedatole regarding Fairchild specifics.
 - vii. Alumni board should report near 7:15 am. All events at Fairchild theatre.

- b. Recent grad participation in Alumni Band – Tabled until next meeting

- c. Falcone Statue: continued discussion of the logistics of how to proceed with this project. Bill Sachs is waiting to contact a “point person” but will proceed with this when his intended contact is in better health. Cost is anticipated at around \$200,000. Bill is not concerned about raising the funds, but wants to have a major contributor in line before we proceed with the request for permission to create the statue. Once permission is granted, we can proceed with the project. John Madden shared very insightful and passionate support for the project.
- d. Fall Reunion – October 13. Suggested schedule from Jim Barry:
 - i. Music selection: 40th anniversary of women in the band. Hoping to have music ready to send out in late August (as soon as registration begins). Three tunes by July first is our target timeline.
 - ii. On line registration/notifications
 - iii. Suggested that we explore: interviewing generational participation and highlight the individuals involved, pitch the “\$20 game and food! “ Adding a Survey Monkey to the event to get better data., publicize the positives about what you get for your alumni band dues and participation.
 - iv. Discussion had about seating. John is hopeful that we can continue seating in the stadium seats. We can’t promote this yet, but 3 weeks from the game date is most likely the earliest we will know for sure. Best we can do is recruit that we have “homecoming, a big 10 game, and hopefully great seats like we did last year”

15. New Business:

- a. Vice President – Stacie Detgen is President elect, so we have an opening for Vice President for next year. Nominating committee will be formed to determine candidates for a new VP for next year.

16. Adjournment – at 3:51 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Susan Gould
Serving for Betty Elliott.

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Treasurer's Report January 15, 2012 – April 15, 2012

Revenue & Expenditures:

Beginning Checking Balance \$ 10,259.58

Revenue:

03/03/12 Deposit Miscellaneous Dues \$ 48.00

Total Revenue \$ 48.00

Sub Total \$ 10,307.58

Expenditures:

#1162 Jack Nelson – Winter Band Exp. \$ 96.95

#1163 U.S. Postmaster – Spring Encore 349.97

#1164 Kim Hopkins – Spring Encore 400.00

#1165 Greg Pell – January Meeting Exp. 100.60

#1166 Foresight Group – Spring Encore 1,613.20

Total Expenditures (\$ 2,560.72)

Total Ending Checking Balance \$ 7,746.86

Current Bank Balances as of March 31, 2012:

Certificate of Deposit (0.25%) (September 14, 2012) \$ 6,012.37

Checking Balance \$ 7,746.86

Total Cash Available \$ 13,759.23

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