

MSU ALUMNI BAND
Alumni Band Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Sunday, August 26, 2012

REMINDER: The next Board meeting will be Sunday, November 4, 2012

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. by President Jim Barry, at the Olympus Room of the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center.

Present: Dale Bartlett, Gary Baron, Jim Barry, Lynn Brown, Dave Catron, Betty Elliott, Tim Fox, Stacie Detgen, Melissa Mackey, Jack Nelson, Greg Pell, Bob Rice and Bill Sachs

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

The Secretary's report was approved as submitted.

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

Greg indicated that the Annual Report will now be on the website as opposed to printing 400+ copies to be available at the fall reunion. The Treasurer's report was approved as submitted.

4. **Vice President's Report – Stacie Detgen (see report at end of minutes)**

Discussion confirmed that attendees must come up with instruments on their own. It's possible an instrument or two might be available on reunion day but there is no guarantee.

Jack Nelson will write a proposal for a grant from the Alumni Association that might allow us to purchase some used instruments for this purpose in the future.

Stacie's report was approved as submitted.

5. **Past-President's Report –**

Bill reported that *The Encore* has never cost less and is as efficient as it can be. Jim thanked him on behalf of the entire board for his diligent efforts.

6. **President's Report – Jim Barry (see report at end of minutes)**

In addition to Jim's report at the end of these minutes, he reported that the Charbonneau family wants to move a scholarship in Lynne Charbonneau's name, which is currently held in Texas, to Michigan State University. Jim, Rebecca Surian and John Madden will continue talks to make this happen.

Reminders will be sent to the football program and the Lansing State Journal about the Fall reunion.

Jim distributed copies of the Summer 2012 MSU Alumni Ass'n Magazine with a great article about Leonard Falcone

Jim will make sure Bob Rice's name is listed on the roster as Historian in *The Encore*.

There will soon be a new video on You Tube to promote the MSU Alumni Band, currently being worked on by Jim and his wife. There is also a recording of the 12/28/11 Holiday pep band. Tim and Brad will link all to Facebook.

Jim's report was approved as submitted.

7. Band Director's Report

John Madden is working with the marching band today and Kevin Sedatole is occupied with auditions. No report.

8. Member Relations Coordinator's Report – Tim Fox

- a. Tim reported that so far 101 alums have registered, 14 are non-attending but sent in dues, 10 have registered for golf and 26 for the Homecoming parade. Early registration ends 9/26 so this is an excellent showing so far.
- b. Tim recommends emphasizing the scholarship forms since the new electronic registration sort of has members forgetting about them. It was decided to do an e-mail blast with this topic, attaching a donation form, as well as an update on other things like health of past conductors, etc.

Tim's report was approved as submitted.

9. Special Projects Coordinator's Report – Jack Nelson

- a. Jack reports a very successful second Pentwater performance. 29 alums and 37 current SMB members, including twirlers, participated. Dean Transportation donated a bus to the tune of \$1980. Pentwater will be highly disappointed if this doesn't continue annually. It definitely promotes young member involvement as well as fosters relations with alums. A suggested method of determining who gets to participate was first set a desired instrumentation, then use "1st come- 1st served" in the next notification of the event.
- b. Homecoming details are yet to be finalized.
- c. Participation in the Games at Jenison has yet to be determined.

Jack's report was accepted as submitted.

10. List Serve Manager's Report – Nancy Nelson – Not in Attendance

11. Event manager's Report – Gary Baron

- a. Gary reported that he received a recent graduate report but is trying to determine if it's a one or two year listing (probably one year).
- b. He still needs to get costs of name tags and membership cards and may need to do again through Foresight.
- c. He has received 3 of the 4 pieces of music from Jeff Kressler and should have the last piece this week; could start sending out as early as next week.

12. Tour Band Representative's Report – Dale Bartlett – no report

13. Golf Outing Coordinator's Report – Lynn Brown.

Lynn reports that 10 are signed up so far. She will get hard copy registration out to those non-alums who have participated in the past. This is the 14th annual golf outing.

14. Old Business

- a. Fall Reunion – See previous discussions in reports. Melissa needs to know where the section meetings will take place so she can announce at the reunion.
- b. On-Line registration is so much easier and going so well. The administrative end of things can always be tweaked; ease of use and cost is great. EventBrite is the program that Scott Westerman recommended. Tim will send the various lists to Dale and Lynn.
- c. The Encore via a PDF file takes less time and costs less.
- d. Falcone Memorial Statue – Bill met with Ed Deeb who is very enthusiastic and wants to help but not lead the project. Gary and Jim have met with MSU Campus Planning and Administration. Outdoor memorials are almost impossible; trustees have pretty much put a stop to all of it. MSU people were suggesting a scholarship or interior plaque or picture. We feel a memorial versus a fundraiser/scholarship is preferred. End result of that conversation is for us to meet with the Music Department powers that be. Bill suggested Dr. Forger be involved. Tim mentioned an alternative memorial in the form of a new band shell to replace the one that was torn down to build Bessey Hall and which was promised to be rebuilt one day in the future. There was a great article in the MSU Alumni magazine called “MSU’s Music Man, the Incomparable Leonard Falcone.”
- e. Recent Grad Participation – nothing new to report; may send them all e-mail invites to inform them of their immediate eligibility at no cost for their first year of membership. The idea of a “press pack” to be distributed at the same time as the pins was suggested.

15. New Business

- a. Proposed slate of officers – See President’s Report
- b. Special Guest invites for reunion – It was decided to invite Coach Izzo, President Simon and Mark Hollis to speak. Other guests asked to simply drop by and be recognized are Shelly Appelbaum, Scott Westerman, Suzie Merchant, Kathy George, Coach Anastas and James Forger. Coach Dantonio will also be invited with the invitation to note we’re aware of his time constraints. Betty will send out all invites.
- c. Spring Reunion – Table to next meeting
- d. Alumni Band Landline Phone. We now use Tim’s home number and Tim has been paying for this. Jim proposed, Melissa seconded and all agreed to keep the line and reimburse Tim for the cost.

16. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 4:02. The next meeting will be November 4, 2012.

Respectfully submitted

Betty M. Elliott

MSU Alumni Band
Treasurer's Report June 25, 2012 – August 26, 2012

Revenue & Expenditures:

Beginning Checking Balance \$ 7,265.77

Revenue: - None - - 0 -

Sub Total \$ 7,265.77

Expenditures: #1171 Greg Pell – Meeting Expense \$ 184.29
#1172 Wm. Sachs – Encore Print. 290.79
#1173 Kim Hopkins – Encore Design. 513.00
#1174 Foresight Group - Printing 439.65

Total Expenditures (\$1,427.73)

Total Ending Checking Balance \$ 5,838.04

Current Bank Balances as of August 26, 2012:

Certificate of Deposit (0.25%) (September 14, 2012) \$ 6,017.42

Checking Balance \$ 5,838.04

Total Cash Available \$ 11,855.46

Respectfully Submitted, Greg Pell, Treasurer
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Vice-President's Report
Sunday, August 26, 2012

- ☐ I have contacted Sgt. Dave Osland at MSU. He has given us 7 parking passes. 2 are behind Dem Hall and 5 with early entry into Munn Field.
- ☐ I have contacted Kirk Gartside and he will be at Dem Hall on Oct. 13th with Alumni Band-wear.
- ☐ I will contact Old Country Caterer closer to October when I have an estimate of how many people will be attending the Fall Alumni Band reunion.
- ☐ I will contact Marshall Music to have someone set up instrument supplies for sale in Dem Hall.
- ☐ I will help sign out tuba covers and loaned instruments on Oct. 13th. I would like to have one member of the SMB band staff be there to help indicate which instruments should be checked out. Who should I be in contact with? Are we "charging" for loaned instruments this year?
- ☐ I have started to get a few people willing to help out with the "jobs" on the Oct. 12/13th.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacie Detgen

MSU Alumni Band
President's Report August 26, 2012

The **42nd MSU Alumni Band Annual Fall Reunion** will be here in 7 weeks, on October 13th. Plans are progressing. Jeff Kressler's arrangements for the halftime show, recognizing the 40th anniversary of the admittance of women into the Spartan Marching Band, are arriving. Discussions with twirler Beth (Mlynarek) Kaufman and Tony Grigsby, former husband of saxophonist Lynne (Charbonneau) Grigsby (who passed away in 1987) have been very positive. Beth will join us, as will Tony and his daughter Megan. This provides representation of the the first two women in the SMB in the fall of 1972, prompted by the Title IX legislation. Our "Title IX at 40" theme will be reflected in the music that we selected at a previous board meeting: *Respect* - Aretha Franklin (1967), *I Am Woman* – Helen Reddy (1971), *Girls Just Want to Have Fun* – Cyndi Lauper (1984), *This One's For the Girls* – Martina McBride (2003) and *Hello Dolly* – Channing/Streisand/Armstrong (1964).

The comments elicited by Tim Fox's **Annual Spring Reunion** follow-up survey were positive, including regarding our move back to Fairchild Auditorium after a one-year cost-saving hiatus. However, due to the renovation of Fairchild Auditorium, the facility will be unavailable in spring 2013. The most viable venue is Dem Hall, and we have selected a Sunday, April 28, 2013 date. We anticipate this to be a one-year option, after which we would move back to Fairchild.

Gary Baron and Bill Sachs have met with Ed Deeb, Detroit business leader and former MSU Alumni Band board member, soliciting his involvement on the **Leonard Falcone Memorial** project. Gary Baron and I have met with Jeff Kacos, Director of Campus Planning and Steve Troost, from his department. Bill Sachs has made contacts to try to effect a meeting of MSU College of Music personnel. Susan Gould reports that in a social meeting, information came to her regarding MSU athletics looking into a statue.

The following **proposed slate of officers** to be presented to the membership at the Fall Reunion was distributed to the board by email on August 5th. This gives the board much continuity. Bold-face represents changes.

VOTING MEMBERS

President: **Stacie Detgen (from VP)**

Vice-Pres: **Melissa Mackey (from Member at Large)**

Secretary: Betty Elliott (continue)

Treasurer: Greg Pell (continue)

Member at Large: Susan Gould (continue)

Member at Large: Abby Zarimba (NEW TO BOARD)

(Immediate Past President: Jim Barry)

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Member Relations Coordinator: Tim Fox (continue)

Events Manager: Gary Baron (continue)

Special Events Coordinator: Jack Nelson (continue)

Listserve Manager: Nancy Nelson (continue)

Historian: Bob Rice (continue)

Golf Outing Coordinator: Lynne Brown (continue)

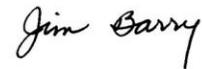
Touring Band Representative (Dale Bartlett
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For the second year, Jack Nelson put together a combined MSU Alumni/Student Band to participate in the **Pentwater Homecoming Days** weekend. Approximately 65 current and former Spartan Marching Band members performed at the home of Duane and Judy Vernon, twice at a downtown Spartan Pep Rally, and for the Homecoming Days Parade. This opportunity to blend current and alumni members is an effective and successful initiative toward our focus on “**recent graduates participation**” focus. In addition, the MSU Alumni Association, Executive Director Scott Westerman, and a number of other principals have become further informed about the MSU Alumni Band through Jack’s initiative. I have mailed letters of thanks to the hosts and donors involved.

Another effort toward **Promoting the Alumni Band** continues in the form of distribution and photos of the Pentwater Homecoming Days event. All of the members of the band, including alumni and students were mailed a group of photos chronicling the event on August 20. A photo/video/audio show, created by Linda Barry, is almost complete, and we anticipate distributing this through YouTube, linking to the Alumni Band website, Facebook accounts etc. soon.

I continue to enjoy contributing to the Alumni Band!

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Barry".