

MSU Alumni Band  
Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
November 4 2012

Next Board Meeting: Sunday, January 27, 2013 2:00 pm

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

Present: Dale Bartlett, Jim Barry, Lynn Brown, Stacie Detgen, Tim Fox, Susan Gould, Melissa Mackey, John Madden Jack Nelson, Greg Pell, Bob Rice, Bill Sachs, Abby Zarimba. Absent – Betty Elliott

2. Secretary's Report – Betty Elliott is not in attendance. Minutes were approved as printed. Susan Gould will take minutes for the remainder of today's meeting. Move to accept: Greg Pell, Second by Bill Sachs. Report Accepted.

3. Treasurer's Report- Greg Pell. Report accepted as printed, with explanation for large phone expense reimbursement to Tim Fox. Tim had been personally absorbing the cost of the bill for the past 3 years. Move to accept: Jim Barry, Second by Abby Zarimba

4. Vice President's Report – Melissa Mackey. No report at this time, but a thank you to the SMB Student Equipment Manager for all of her help during fall alumni band. It was incredibly helpful to have her here, and it would be wonderful if in the future this kind of assistance could continue. Move to accept: Greg Pell, Second by Abby Zarimba. Report accepted.

4. Past - President's Report – Jim Barry. Report as printed. Discussion in Old Business. Move to accept by Susan Gould, Second by Melissa Mackey.

5. Band Director's Report – John Madden. MSU Wind Symphony will perform at Carnegie Hall on February 22, 2014. Upcoming concerts include the Symphony Band and MSU Student Wind Symphony concert on December 2 that will premier the new work by commissioned by MSBOA. The piece was composed by Jim Curnow in honor of Harry Begian. John Whitwell will conduct the work. Other performances by MSU bands were discussed, reviewed and celebrated. John stated that all was normal, which actually means "ridiculously busy".

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

6. Member Relations Coordinator's Report- Tim Fox. Report and survey results as printed. Not in the report was documentation of funds that were donated on site at the fall alumni band reunion for the scholarship funds - \$110 total from two donors. He noted that funding for our scholarships is down considerably because of our new online registration process. 92% of all registrations this fall were done online. Motion to accept by Abby Zarimba, Second by Bob Rice. Report accepted.

7. Special Project Coordinator's Report – Jack Nelson. Homecoming parade was our second largest with 69 participants including the Bloomquists. Jack thanked Jim Barry for help with writing thank you notes. Jack also reported that we have been asked to perform at 10 games over the holiday breaks, two of which are double headers. The women's basketball game on January 3 is a 9pm game and he noted the need for extra volunteers. Games include:

Dec 14 – Men's BBall @ Jenison  
Dec 15 – Hockey and BBall @ Jenison  
Dec 16 – Women's BBall @ Jenison  
Dec 22 – Men's BBall (vs. Texas)  
Dec 29 – GLI and Women's BBall  
Dec 30 – GLI  
Jan 3 – Women's BBall  
March 7 – Men's BBall (vs. Wisconsin)

Jack also stated that the tuba covers used for the fall reunion are washed and ready, but 2 are missing. Beryl Falcone and friends made the covers years ago. Evidently she still has the fabric at her home. Could be a project for her ☺  
Move to accept by Susan Gould, Second by Bill Sachs

8. Listserve Manger's report- Nancy Nelson. No Report

9. Tour Band report – Dale Bartlett. No Report.

10. Golf Outing report- Lynn Brown. We had 39 golfers this year, and the start of the outing was delayed due to frost. All went well! Move to accept: Jim Barry, Second by Bob Rice.

11. Event Manager's Report – Gary Baron Tim Fox. Discussion in old business.

## **12. Old Business**

a.) Fall Reunion:

Lunch discussion: to have or not? Lunch registrations were at an all time high with 198 lunches. Reason to NOT break for lunch? Fold the 50 minutes into additional podium time for alumni directors. The overwhelming discussion and decision was to keep lunch as alumni want the social time, and the break to rest their "chops" before the game.

Other ideas were discussed to alleviate the hectic pace of Saturday morning included: music rehearsal the night before or adding an additional social outing the night before. Melissa Mackey cited the Ohio State University Alumni Band tradition of 500-600 people in uniform that perform at pregame, halftime and postgame and wondered what we could do to perhaps increase our participation time. John Madden explained that the OSU Alumni Band is an organization that has their own director and staff, as well as consequences for registrants who don't follow through the day of the performance. Our mission is to keep the doors open to alumni and to include even day of registrants. He also explained that the modern pre-game routine as set by the university makes alumni participation virtually impossible from a logistics standpoint. John Madden suggested that to try and meet the request for more intricate drill, that we perform one or two

selections as alumni with intricate drill, and share the halftime performance time with the current SMB. Alumni directors would have the opportunity to conduct the band at pre-game, halftime and post game rather than just the Alumni performance at halftime. This model allows us to meet the request for drill, as well as the request for longer podium time (less music to prepare). It was moved by Jim Barry and seconded by Susan Gould to adopt this format for our fall 2013 reunion (currently proposed for September 7, 2013) Additional discussion was had about the late arrival of percussion parts for alumni band. A possible solution proposed was to approach an alum to write parts prior to the reunion, as the SMB staff is incredibly busy preparing their own show parts.

b.) Falcone Statue: Bill Sachs reported on his discussion with Dean of the College of Music Jim Forger. Jim suggests that we may have more success with our project if we seek to install a bronze plaque (with facial relief of Falcone) inside the music building, or to solicit donation for a room naming, particularly if plans to renovate the music building progress. More information will be available at our January meeting after Mr. Forger reports back.

c.) Spring Reunion – April 28. Music repertoire will be discussed in January, with final selections secured by mid February to allow Gary time to scan parts. Items to follow through on from our last survey include repertoire choices, concert recording, too much time for lunch, and publicity. Discussions were to conduct a survey collecting suggestions that would be passed along to directors (with directors retaining the right to make final selections), that an archival recording can be made, but none sold (copyright), that lunch has to be long to allow “chops” to heal before performance, and that the date will be included in MSU College of Music publications.

The MSU College of Music Alumni Board will provide breakfast again this year ☺

d.) New alumni membership –Melissa Mackey. The idea to take photos of the “young and the old” by section after the game is great, and will be pursued again next fall when the weather conditions are (hopefully) less disgusting. Melissa also noted the organization of the alumni color guard: they have their own Facebook group and made sweatshirts for the reunion. There were nearly 40 alumni guard members present, most from the 2005-2008 era. ☺ Jack noted that some alumni tailgate, sneak into the block and march to the stadium, then return to tailgating. He wondered if we may want to explore an option to formalize just marching the series and perhaps entice more alumni to participate on the up and up rather than sneaking in, especially among the younger members. Jim Barry, Stacie Detgen and Greg Pell will hand out pins to the pending SMB graduates on Monday, Nov. 19 and speak to them about membership.

#### 15. New Business:

a.) Policy for instrument rental fees for alumni use: \$100 was generated and presented to John Madden toward repairs. (Moved by Jim Barry and Seconded by Abby Zarimba to present this year’s collection). Dale Bartlett suggested we consider the costs of repairs incurred through alumni use and make a blanket contribution from the Alumni band to the SMB each year after the fall reunion. John Madden will explore cost estimates and report back in January. (add to Old Business).

b) Publication responsibilities: Stacie Detgen suggested that perhaps this should be part of the past president's job. It was discussed and decided that publication duties should be decided by the board and given to the members whose strengths are most suited for the job.

c.) The MSU College of Music Alumni Board asked for us to send a representative to their meetings. Discussion was had as to whether this person should be the same for each meeting or if different individuals should take part. Consensus was that the same person should be assigned. Bob Rice will serve in this capacity on behalf of the MSU Alumni Band board.

d.) A request was made to send a representative band to perform at a gathering prior to the Detroit Thanksgiving Day Parade. 10-15 members would perform at an MSU breakfast and receive prime seating to view the parade. Jim Barry was given permission to organize this group.

e.) Other business:

1. Tim Fox asked Bill Sachs to have the next issue of the Encore ready in February. Bill stated that this issue will be mailed to approximately 70 people, and that this is the last "snail mail" version of the Encore. From February 2013 on, the Encore will only be online.

2. Jim Barry shared information on a situation that occurred with regard to special requests by two female non-members to march with the alumni band this fall, specifically because the show celebrated the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of title IX and women being allowed into the band. The MSU Alumni Band is only open to MSU graduates who were enrolled in MSU Bands while on campus. The two individuals in question are MSU alumni, and were frequent guests of the band, but neither were ever members. They did register for the reunion, and their registration fees were returned. Jim will continue to inform the board if further issues arise with regards to this situation.

3. Greg Pell reported that there is increasing pressure from our University President to ensure the purchase of band jackets for all band members. John Madden states that this cost is approximately \$12K per year. He stated that there is already an existing account with a substantial balance set aside for jacket purchase. Should this be an official project of the alumni band? More on this during old business at our next meeting.

4. Bob Rice extended a thank you on behalf of the board to Jim Barry for his work as President. Abby Zarimba thanked the board for the opportunity to be a part of it.

16. Adjournment – at 4:16 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Susan Gould

Serving for Betty Elliott.

MSU Alumni Band  
Past President's Report November 3, 2012

The **42<sup>nd</sup> MSU Alumni Band Annual Fall Reunion** held October 13<sup>th</sup>, celebrated "Title IX at 40 – Saluting the Women of the Spartan Marching Band." We recognized the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the admittance of women into the Spartan Marching Band. Twirler Beth (Mlynarek) Kaufman and Tony Grigsby, former husband of saxophonist Lynne (Charbonneau) Grigsby (who passed away in 1987) and their daughter Megan were honored at the morning rehearsal and during the halftime show. These first two women (in the fall of 1972) and all of the women of the band were recognized for their ground-breaking representation in the SMB.

During the **registration and social time** prior to the 8:00 a.m. start of rehearsal, two DVD presentations were shown and heard: a picture/music collage of past Alumni Band reunions, and a picture/video/music collage of the August 11 Alumni Band/SMB Pentwater Days performances from the summer.

**The morning indoor rehearsal continues to be jam-packed.** It included music rehearsal with former conductors Ken Bloomquist, Dave Catron, and Thad Hegerberg. John Whitwell was unable to attend, visited his aged mother in Tennessee. The morning rehearsal also featured addresses by President Lou Anna K. Simon, Distinguished Professor Roy Simon, Head Men's Basketball Coach Tom Izzo (with impromptu accordion performance of *Downtown*), Director of Athletics Mark Hollis, Head Volleyball Coach Cathy George, and Leonard Falcone's wife Beryl Falcone. The morning rehearsal also included gift presentations to all six MSU current and former directors, outgoing Alumni Band Past-President Bill Sachs, Beryl Falcone, the Youngest (most yet to learn), Oldest (has learned too much), and Furthest (largest credit card balance), and presentations to Beth Mlynarek Kaufman, Tony and Megan Grigsby. The treasurer's report and a vote of the membership for a new slate of officers occurred quickly. It was possible to abbreviate or eliminate many announcements due to an email blast which was sent to the membership with final reminders during the week prior to the reunion. Rehearsal of the music continues to be very short due to the time available.

Due to the weather, the sub sandwich box lunch, again coordinated by Alumni Band member Ken Adams, was distributed in Dem Hall, and most sat indoors for lunch. A new initiative, **MSU Band Stories**, went on as planned during lunch, as a number of members stepped to the microphone to share their memories.

**The constant and cold rain**, which persisted from 9 am through the end of the game, forced cancellation of a number of activities and initiatives, including most playing with the SMB in the stands, marching during halftime (we stood in position and played part of the show), the plans to join the SMB on the field at post-game to play *The MSU Fight Song*, *MSU Shadows*, and *Everybody's Everything*. The rain and cold also forced cancellation of the post-game march to Dem Field, the traditions of joining the SMB for John Madden's post-game comments and singing *The Shadows*, and the newly planned "SMB/Alumni section huddles" and section photos. Despite the excellent pre-event registration numbers and member turn-out, very few Alumni Band members were still in attendance at the end of the overtime loss to Iowa.

The following **proposed slate of officers** was presented to the membership in both the pre-reunion email blast and at the reunion. The slate was **accepted by a unanimous voice vote**. 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

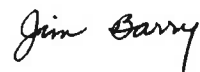
Member Relations Coordinator: Tim Fox (continue)  
Events Manager: Gary Baron (continue)  
Special Events Coordinator: Jack Nelson (continue)  
Listserve Manager: Nancy Nelson (continue)  
Historian: Bob Rice (continue)  
Golf Outing Coordinator: Lynne Brown (continue)  
Touring Band Representative (Dale Bartlett (continue)

Efforts toward **promoting the Alumni Band** and **working collaboratively with the MSU Bands** continue in many forms.

The **Leonard Falcone Memorial** project continues, and a meeting with College of Music will occur on November 4 will occur prior to the Alumni Band board meeting .

It has been a pleasure to serve as President of the board, to work for the Alumni Band, and I continue to enjoy making a contribution!

Cordially,



# MSU Alumni Band

## Treasurer's Report August 27, 2012 – November 4, 2012

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### Revenue & Expenditures:

Beginning Checking Balance		\$ 5,838.04
<u>Revenue:</u>		
	09/12/12 -- Miscellaneous Dues	\$ 396.00
	10/24/12 – Fall Dues Eventbrite	11,090.18
	10/24/12 – William Morris Contribution	5,000.00
	<u>11/01/12 – Golf Outing Cash</u>	<u>405.00</u>
	Total Revenue	<u>\$ 16,891.18</u>
	Sub Total	\$ 22,729.22
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
	#1175 Tim Fox (Toner)	\$ 73.13
	#1176 Tim Fox (Phone)	1,185.12
	#1177 Greg Pell (Board Meeting)	126.63
	#1178 Ken Adams (Subway)	1,287.00
	#1179 Foresight Group (Member)	242.18
	#1180 Old City Caterer	1,150.00
	#1181 Lynn Brown (Golf Expense)	55.45
	<u>#1182 Dale Bartlett (</u>	<u>1,771.49</u>
	Total Expenditures	(\$ 5,891.00)
	Total Ending Checking Balance	\$ 16,838.22

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### Current Bank Balances as of November 4, 2012:

Certificate of Deposit (0.20%) (September 14, 2013)	\$ 6,019.73
<u>Checking Balance</u>	<u>\$ 16,838.22</u>
Total Cash Available	\$ 22,857.95

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Respectfully Submitted, Greg Pell, Treasurer  
Sunday, November 4, 2012