

MSU ALUMNI BAND
Alumni Band Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Saturday, June 8, 2013

REMINDER: The next Board meeting will be 2:00 p.m., Sunday, August 18, 2013

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by President Stacie Detgen, at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center.

Present: Dale Bartlett, Gary Baron, Jim Barry, Lynn Brown, Betty Elliott, Tim Fox, Stacie Detgen, Susan Gould, Melissa Mackey, Jack Nelson, Nancy Nelson, Greg Pell, Bob Rice

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

The Secretary's report was corrected to read in item #9 "on line" (not "on time"). The report was approved as corrected.

3. **Treasurer's Report – Greg Pell** (see report at end of minutes) – Approved as submitted. Greg also reported that the Downtown Coaches Club donated \$500 to the Band Jacket Fund.
4. **Special Project Coordinator's Report** – Jack reported that the next upcoming event is the Pentwater parade on August 10th. Jack submitted a grant proposal to the Alumni Foundation and received \$2000, which will be used to help pay the student musicians. \$1000 is still needed to cover all student costs. Duane Vernon and the Pentwater businesses will be providing food. Dean Transportation is donating bus transportation (worth approximately \$1600). Jack's report was approved as submitted.
5. **List Serve Manager's Report – Nancy Nelson** – Nancy reported that she is working with Gary to update all list serve e-mail addresses.
6. **Vice President's Report** – See fall reunion
7. **Past President's Report** – Jim reported that he has sent all articles and pictures to Kim at The Encore. Should be ready to go on 7/1/13. Report accepted as submitted.
8. **President's Report** – No official report
9. **Band Director's Report** – No Directors present

Kevin reported that he would like to see a separate e-mail blast go out relative to the Carnegie Hall donations. Nancy will take care of that.

10. **Member Relations Coordinator's Report – Tim Fox**

Tim distributed reports on the Spring Reunion. Reports accepted. He suggested there be more advertising of the event next year.

11. **Event manager's Report – Gary Baron** – See Fall Reunion

Gary reported that he had an estimate for the Falcone plaque in the amount of \$5381 with \$110 for installation. All members approved the plaque but final wording and editing will be discussed with Beryl and CiCi Falcone as well as the Music Department (Forger and Bloomquist). This will be a 24" x 36" plaque.

Donations are needed and should be solicited not only from the MSU Alumni Band mailing list, but mailing lists associated with Blue Lake and the Falcone website. Report accepted as given.

12. Tour Band Representative's Report – Dale Bartlett

Dale reports that the band is leaving on June 16th and having practices over the weekend. There will be 2 concerts in Edinburgh, 1 in Inverness and 2 at the Royal Highland Show. Report approved as given.

13. Old Business

- a. **Leonard Falcone Bronze Plaque** – See Gary Baron's Report
- b. **Fall Reunion – Noon Game on 9/7/13**
 - i. Melissa has a volunteer sign-up sheet going. She suggests that section photos wait until next year per other discussion at this meeting. MSU Photographer Hansen could perhaps do informal shots.
 - ii. Stacie gave reminder to get the parking passes, aiming for maybe one more behind Dem Hall this year.
 - iii. Tim reported that the music needs to be finalized so that ideally it can be distributed when the July registration goes live. Stacie indicated she is working on it.
 - iv. Lynn asked that the Alumni Board approve \$100 for Golf Outing prizes if needed, as they have done in the past. It was moved, seconded and approved to do so.
 - v. It was decided to hold a reception at Dem Hall. Think about logistics and send Stacie all ideas.

14. New Business

- a. **Scholarships** – Tim Fox submitted a report discussing the various scholarships, exact wordings of each scholarship offered, ways of contributing, methods of acknowledgement, etc. (see attached report). It was decided that all University phone #'s will be printed on all materials if people want to donate through the University. We will continue to call the Scholarships by "scholarships" for ceremonial purposes. We will begin sending letters of acknowledgement to those donors who use Event Brite. All donations for the Band Jacket Fund and the Carnegie Trip Fund will be directed to the University offices.
- b. **MSU Alumni Magazine** – Jim will send an article about the spring reunion. The deadline is 6/17.
- c. **Spring Reunion** – Kevin had indicated we will perform with the Youth Band at Wharton on April 13th, 2014. This would give a great built-in audience. Dr. Bloomquist would be able to make this date whereas he could not do April 27th, which is closer to our usual annual date. Stacie will make a call to confirm the 13th. Further information received via e-mails after this meeting indicate that The youth Symphony will share their concert with the Wind Symphony on April 27th. Our concert will be the 13th in the newly remodeled Fairchild Theater.
- d. **Other Business** -
 - i. Gerry Spry has been recently diagnosed with terminal cancer and is at home with hospice. Visitors are encouraged. Betty will arrange for a nice Spartan floral arrangement.
 - ii. Publicity – there is a need for a member to act as a regular publicity liaison. Melissa agreed to do this.
- e. **Next Meeting Date – Sunday, August 18, 2013**

Respectfully submitted

MSU Alumni Band
Treasurer's Report April 15, 2013 – June 8, 2013

Revenue & Expenditures:

Beginning Checking Balance \$ 11,239.67

Revenue:

4/15/13 – Dues Deposit	\$ 130.00
5/07/13 -- Dues Deposit	<u>1,212.93</u>
Total Revenue	\$ <u>1,342.93</u>
Sub Total	\$ 12,582.60

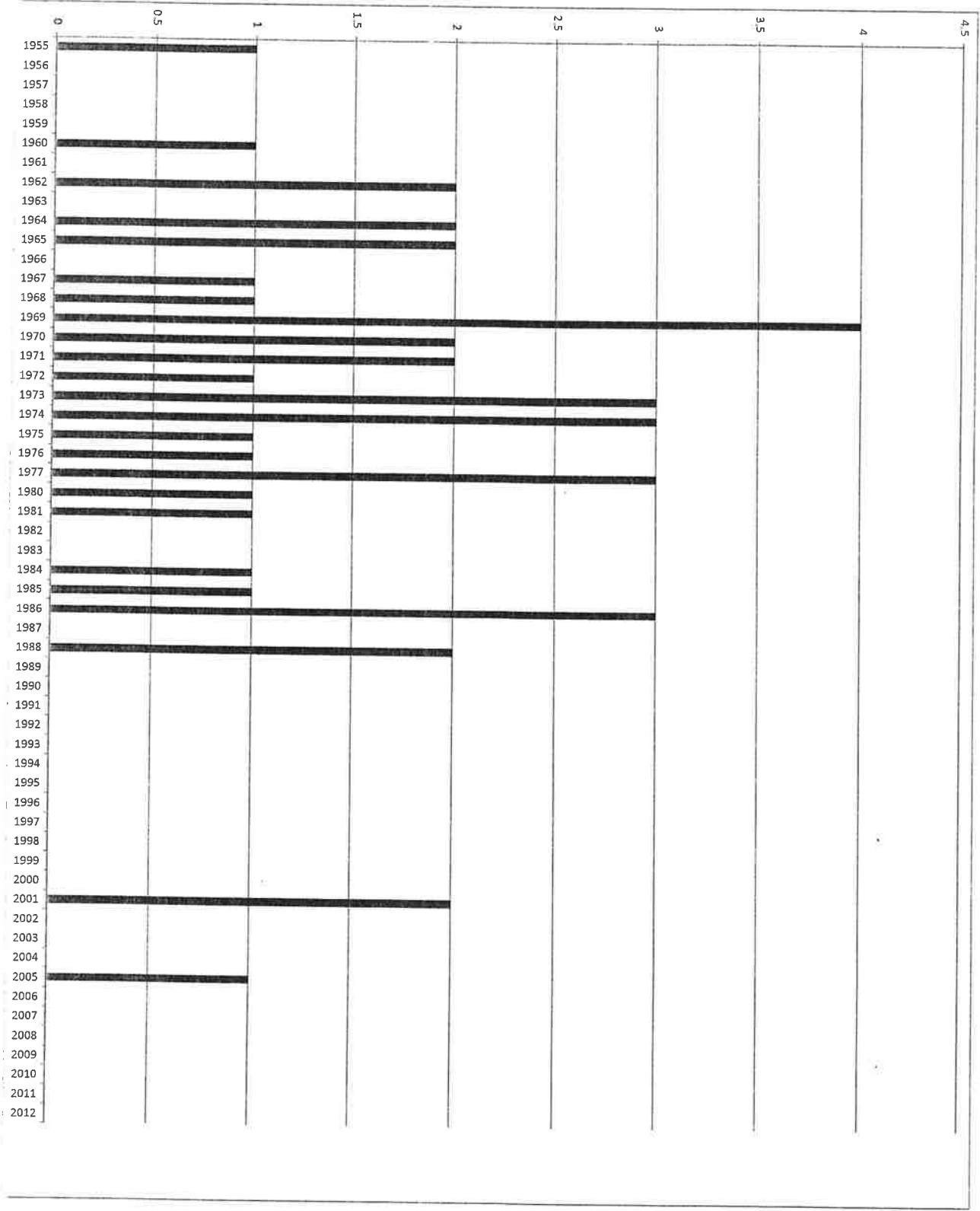
Expenditures:

#1193 Tim Fox – Phone	\$ 137.63
#1194 Whitwell Scholarship	1,000.00
#1195 Bloomquist Scholarship	1,000.00
#1196 Tim Fox – Supplies	87.95
#1197 Gary Baron	<u>99.22</u>
Total Expenditures	(\$ 2,324.80)
Total Ending Checking Balance	\$ 10,257.80

Current Bank Balances as of June 8, 2013:

Certificate of Deposit (0.20%) (September 2013)	\$ 6,026.79
Checking Balance	<u>\$ 10,257.80</u>
Total Cash Available	\$ 16,284.59

Respectfully Submitted, Greg Pell, Treasurer
Saturday, June 8, 2013



Alumni Band Scholarships (from a 5-21-13 email)

Money is the topic! Specifically the funds generated and used for the Whitwell and Bloomquist Scholarships. I had a meeting today with Rebecca Surian in the College of Music. It wasn't planned, but I stopped over there to drop off a check and we talked for a while. The check was the only one received from the Spring Concert registrations (by snail mail) that was earmarked for the scholarships. All other money received for the scholarships came via EventBrite. I was giving her the check so that the University can send their official thank you and acknowledgement letter.

That led to my question of any possible way for the University to acknowledge that money received electronically; I have a list of who sent in money, and how much it is. But the only way for the University to receive the money is for the Alumni Band to write a check to MSU, and earmark it for one/both of the scholarships. They can't acknowledge the original donor in this case. By the way - the same holds true for money brought in earmarked for the band jacket fund. All of that money is going in to the AB general fund.

For years we've written a check out to the scholarship winners from our general fund. We haven't tapped the actual scholarship money that the University holds, since the existing funds are very limited (it's slowly growing). But it turns out that if we simply write a check out to the two winners, we also should not be calling it a "scholarship". An actual monetary award as a scholarship is only given by the University, and it is something someone like Kevin Sedatole would have to coordinate with the Office of Financial Aid. The student would not actually receive the money, but it would be applied to their outstanding loans, debts, tuition, etc. By simply giving them a check, the AB has really put no restrictions on how the money can be used. We trust them to use it for education-related purposes. :)

Rebecca also said that in the form we are doing it now, the University has no way of tracking the distribution of funds, who is awarded the money, etc. In this case, it probably isn't a big deal. But if a student came to her, or the Financial Aid office, and they were interested in one of the scholarships, officially the University response is that neither has ever been awarded - they have no record of it, although money has continued to accumulate in those funds.

So ... a few things:

1. Do we want to continue referring to the distribution of funds at the Spring Concert as "scholarships"? Is there any harm in that?
2. Is it worth giving the \$2000 (\$1000 for each student) to the proper funds at the University, and then have them "officially" awarded via MSU so that the students have that money applied directly to tuition, loan debt, etc.?
3. Any money that comes in for the SMB Jackets fund (\$270.00 from Spring Concert participants) - should that be directed to the "official" fund maintained by the University - or are we going to keep that in the AB general fund?

A note can be added to EventBrite letting people know that there will be no official acknowledgement from the University for their contribution. There already is a link provided for them to go to the University Giving site so that they can give directly, and receive the official University acknowledgement. But we all know it is still easier to simply add it to their registration on-line.

Your thoughts? Thanks!