

MSU ALUMNI BAND

Alumni Band Executive Board Meeting Minutes

10:00 a.m. Sunday, November 10, 2013

REMINDER: The next Board meeting will be 2:00 p.m., Sunday, January 26, 2014

1. Because of the early meeting time of this meeting members were able to partake of the State Room Sunday Brunch in the Kellogg Conference and Hotel. The meeting was then called to order at 10:30 a.m. by President Stacie Detgen.

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

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

The Secretary's report was approved as submitted with corrections to item 8 to read "less than the 312 total from last year".

3. **Treasurer's Report – Greg Pell** (See report at end of minutes) –Greg reported we are as healthy as ever which is usual for this time of year. Report approved.
4. **Vice-President's Report – Melissa Mackey** (See report at the end of minutes). Melissa's report was approved as submitted
5. **Past President's Report – Jim Barry** (See report at end of minutes). Jim's report was approved as submitted.
6. **President's Report – Stacie Detgen.** (See report at end of minutes). The President's report was accepted as submitted.
7. **Band Director's Report** – No band directors were present
8. **Member Relations Coordinator's Report - Tim Fox** distributed reports from the Fall Reunion along with summary comments made by attendees. Comments will be discussed at the next meeting for any possible changes at the next fall reunion. Tim reported also that there was a great response to the bank jacket fund. He mentioned that music for the Spring reunion should be available for distribution in February. Report was approved as submitted.
9. **Special Project Coordinator's Report – Jack Nelson** reported that approximately 50 members participated in the Homecoming Parade. A thank you note for the flatbed truck appears in today's Lansing State Journal. The Holiday band schedule has been finalized with 11 events being available. Based on the Men's Basketball tournament appearances it is also possible that an alumni band would make a March 6th appearance with National television and possible other special perks. Definitely a first come – first get to play process. Jack's report was approved.
10. **List Serve Manager's Report – Nancy Nelson** – Nancy will send out an e-mail blast with the holiday band schedule. Nancy reported that there appear to be some misconceptions about membership requirements and will refer anyone to the By-Laws. There continue to be occasional requests for groups to play at outside events. This shows the importance of have a reputable leader for all areas to handle these requests. This has also brought up the need for "business cards" so that members could hand them out when in Alumni arenas. It was approved that Nancy could pursue the design and purchase of business cards. Nancy's report was approved.

- 11. Event manager's Report – Gary Baron (not in attendance)** Bill, Gary and Ed met and revised the wording for the Falcone plaque. This was approved and it was approved to move forward with the project.
- 12. Tour Band Representative's Report – Dale Bartlett** reported that the Scotland trip was wonderful; one of the best ever bands. Dale has turned over the chairmanship of this group to Jack Nelson. He thanked everyone for their support and stated this is a great functioning band. The Group thanked Dale for all his hard work over the years heading the Tour Band.

13. Old Business

- a. Fall Reunion – See all reports at end of these minutes for fall reunion. It has been suggested that future reunions have “working meetings” to handle the reunion as there is far more detail than can be handled at a Board meeting. Everyone agreed.
- b. Falcone Memorial Project – See #11 above.

14. New Business

- a. SMB Senior Pins – Stacie will confirm that this final business meeting for pin distribution is in September.
- b. Jim will let each of us know the final date for *Encore* articles and pictures.
- c. Spring Reunion – will be held in the newly remodeled Fairchild Theater. Stacie will take charge of publicity.
- d. Names for Carnegie trip contribution campaign – Anyone having possible donor names, give those names to Stacie. She will turn over to Dr. Bloomquist.
- e. MSU College of Music Alumni Board Liaison – Bob Rice will report at next meeting.
- f. Thanksgiving Parade Pep Band – Jim Barry said all is under control.
- g. Other:
 - a. Band Fan Breakfast – the morning of the last home game. Reps will attend.
 - b. Band Jacket Fund – out of money. Approximately \$11,000 is needed every year. Coach Izzo's donation wasn't in one lump but on a yearly basis. Susan will work Rebecca Surian on a publicity blast and a mailing to all of our Alumni group presidents.
- h. The next meeting will be on January 26, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Kellogg Center Hotel and Conference Center.
- i. The meeting adjourned at ???? p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty M. Elliott

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Treasurer's Report August 19, 2013 – November 3, 2013

Revenue & Expenditures:

Beginning Checking Balance \$ 9,499.95

<u>Revenue:</u>	Cash from Golf Outing	\$ 517.00
	Fall Dues – Cash	271.00
	Fall Dues/Golf Outing Eventbrite	<u>12,216.52</u>
	Total Revenue	<u>\$ 13,004.52</u>
	Sub Total	\$ 22,504.47

<u>Expenditures:</u>	#1202 Tim Fox – Phone & Postage	\$ 197.46
	#1203 Gary Baron	117.54
	#1204 Gordon Robinson	200.00
	#1205 MSU – Carnegie Trip	500.00
	#1206 Stacie Detgen – Engraving	105.40
	#1207 Jim Barry – Fall Gifts	203.12
	#1208 Ken Adams – Subway	1,113.00
	#1209 MSU – Jackets/Carnegie	1,859.00
	#1210 Dale Bartlett – Golf	2,232.34
	#1211 Lynn Brown – Golf	82.89
	#1212 Old Country Cater	1,225.00
	#1213 Greg Pell – Multiple	279.37
	#1214 Foresight Group – Cards	<u>194.71</u>
	Total Expenditures	(\$ 8,309.83)
	Total Ending Checking Balance	\$ 14,194.64

Current Bank Balances as of September 30, 2013:

Certificate of Deposit (0.20%)	\$ 6,031.84
Checking Balance	<u>\$ 14,194.64</u>
Total Cash Available	\$ 20,226.48

Respectfully Submitted, Greg Pell, Treasurer
Sunday, November 3, 2013

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Vice President's Report, November 3, 2013

Fall Reunion Recap:

- Volunteers
 - Using the online signup (mysignup.com) worked very well. Recommend using this for future events.
 - The only challenge volunteer-wise for the reunion was the student manager did not show up until about 7:30am on Saturday (despite assuring me the night before that he'd be there at 6:45), making instrument distribution very challenging due to the limited time.
 - Parking continues to be an issue. We made do with the few passes we had but would be good to discuss options not only for board members & volunteers, but for the band as well.
 - Catering
 - I misunderstood the price of the catering. It was \$3.75 per person, not \$375 total. Greg Pell and I have already discussed this and the bill has been paid.
 - Based on the high cost for catering and the feedback from alumni band participants, recommend we seek other alternatives for morning refreshments that would include water and non-sugary food.
 - Kirk Gartside merchandise sales seemed to go well – table was busy most of the morning.
 - Marshall Music did not show up until about 7:45 despite assuring me they would be there by 6:45. In addition, they had one of our 2 parking passes. Recommend we consider using someone else for supplies next year or forego this altogether. If we forego it, we should communicate this to participants ahead of time, as I know many people count on having this resource at the reunion.
 - Postgame: Not only was it chaotic with a lot of alumni not knowing what was happening, our high school banner carriers were not allowed on the field with the alumni band. Stadium security would not let the boys enter the field, despite them showing their wrist bands. Because they were seated near the top of the alumni band section, they were the last ones out and I didn't realize they were stuck in the stands until we were done with postgame and ready to march back to Dem. The boys had to leave through the gates. I ended up carrying the banner with a helpful alumni tuba player. Need to discuss options for the banner next year, including having non-marching alums or other adults carry it instead of younger kids.
 - Recruiting younger participants:
 - I will contact the person from the survey who volunteered to help with recruitment. Will get contact info from Tim Fox/Gary Barom.
 - Recommend reinstating efforts to do more with the SMB at next year's reunion. We did not do this this year due to the Madden presentation, but based on survey feedback, we should plan on it next year and discuss options.
- Thought starters:
- Do something with the SMB at/after Friday night rehearsal
 - Dinner?
 - Sectionals?
 - Other?
 - Section photos after the game
 - Combined breakfast/lunch on gameday

Thank you for allowing me to serve the Alumni Band as your vice president.

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Past President's Report November 3, 2013

Fall Reunion Gifts were purchased and presented to current band directors, alumni directors, Beryl Falcone, youngest/oldest/furthest.

Audio/Photo/Video collage of the August 10th Pentwater Homecoming Days combined Alumni Band/SMB performance event was produced and shown at the Fall Reunion Alumni Band and posted on YouTube.

A Spring Reunion article about the April 28th event was written and submitted with photos to the MSU Alumni Association Magazine, but was not included in the edition.

Photos of the August 10th Pentwater event were submitted to Bob Bao, editor of the MSU Alumni Association Magazine at the request of Bob Bao.

Like last year, an Alumni Band ensemble is being organized to do entertain the crowd on Woodward Avenue near the MSU Detroit building prior to the start of the Detroit Thanksgiving Day Parade on November 28th. An invitation was written and included in the recent email blast to all members. A separate email was sent to all members who participated in 2012. The deadline to indicate a desire to be included in the ensemble is November 4th. Currently there are 26 members who have responded. Final information to participants will be emailed this coming week.

Cordially,

Jim Barry

MSU Alumni Band President Report
Sunday, November 3, 2013

Thank you to everyone for their hard work in making the Fall Reunion a success. There is always room for improvement. I hope we can take some time to reflect on what went well and what areas we can work to improve. Please make a list and send it to me. After reading the comments from the Fall Reunion participants, there are some easy fixes and others that will take more planning. I welcome your suggestions.

Thank you John Madden , Kevin Sedatole and Cormac Cannon for being such wonderful hosts and allowing us to participate at the Fall Reunion. It is a privilege to be able to work with them.

Please be willing to submit an article for the next Encore.

The Spring Reunion will be on Sunday, April 13, 2014 at Fairchild. Dave Catron and Ken Bloomquist have already let me know that they will be in attendance. Dave and Ken both have replied to my request of literature he would like to conduct. Dave will conduct *Montmartre March* and Ken would like to direct *Fantasy of MSU Songs*. John Whitwell has not replied yet.

Thank you to Jim Barry for coordinating the Thanksgiving Parade pep band again this year.

Thank you to Jack Nelson for having the winter pep band dates all lined up so early.

Once again, I am honored to be working with such dedicated people.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacie Detgen
MSU Alumni Band Assoc.