

MSU ALUMNI BAND

Alumni Band Executive Board Meeting Minutes

2:00 p.m., Sunday, January 26, 2014

The Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, Olympus Room

REMINDER: The next Board meeting will be 2:00 p.m., Sunday, March 23, 2014

1. The regular board meeting was preceded by a Falcone Memorial Project committee meeting at 1:00.
To summarize the meeting:
 - a. Keep the funding internal; gives us more control and the ability to use monies for other purposes if any excess
 - b. Send a solicitation letter with a picture of the plaque; include as many groups as possible versus specific groups, small versus large, etc.
 - c. Foresight will print letters and envelopes and use their mass mailing discount
 - d. Use Event Brite to collect funds; especially good for credit card donations
 - e. Have thank you letters ready for immediate mailing
 - f. See additional information at the end of these minutes.
2. The regular board meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m.

Present: Dale Bartlett, Jim Barry, Betty Elliott, Tim Fox, Stacie Detgen, Melissa Mackey, Jack Nelson, Nancy Nelson, Greg Pell, Bill Sachs, Anny Zarimba
3. **Secretary's Report – Betty Elliott** - The Secretary's report was approved as submitted.
4. **Treasurer's Report – Greg Pell** (See report at end of minutes) –The Treasurer's report was approved as submitted. Greg also shared a Christmas card that was received from Kim Hopkins.
5. **Past President's Report – Jim Barry** (See report at end of minutes). Jim's report was approved as submitted. Jim is taking any and all articles and/or pictures for next issue of *The Encore*.
6. **Vice-President's Report – Melissa Mackey**
 - a. Melissa spoke at the Band Fan breakfast and was well received.
 - b. She forwarded all information for the Rose Bowl aerial photos to Nancy Nelson for publishing in an e-mail blast.
 - c. Melissa's report was approved as submitted.
7. **Past President's Report – Jim Barry** (See report at end of minutes). Jim's report was approved as submitted.
8. **President's Report – Stacie Detgen.** (See report at end of minutes). The President's report was accepted as submitted.
9. **Band Director's Report** – No band directors were present
10. **Member Relations Coordinator's Report - Tim Fox** - Tim's report is included in "Old Business".
11. **Special Project Coordinator's Report – Jack Nelson** reported that 155 players participated in the Holiday basketball/hockey pep bands. We had the largest participation (51) for the Women's game ever. More information on the March games will be published in an e-mail blast once the status of the team's participation is known. Jack's report was approved.

- 12. List Serve Manager's Report – Nancy Nelson** – Nancy had nothing new to report except the various e-mail blasts previously mentioned.
- 13. Event manager's Report – Gary Baron (not in attendance)** Bill was able to report that Gary is working on getting all of the Spring Concert music together for distribution.
- 14. Tour Band Representative's Report** – Stacie reported that she asked Dale to stay on as an Emeritus Advisor so that we can take advantage of all his past expertise. Dale agreed.

15. Old Business

- a. Falcone plaque project (see at the beginning of these minutes)
- b. Fall 2014 Reunion wrap up. Tim provided a survey summary from participants, highlighting the top 12 big items, all which are addressable. Between now and fall a sub-committee will address these specific items addressed by alums.
- c. Spring Reunion set for 4/13/14. 5 pieces of music will be played. Event Brite registration will begin on 3/1/14. This needs to be advertised on one of the MSU calendars as it did not get published in the College of Music winter/spring brochure.
- d. *The Encore* – mid-February is the deadline for articles and pictures. Submit them to Jim Barry.
- e. DMB Marching Band jacket fund – the fund is empty. Susan will write an article that can be in *The Encore*, as well as a possible e-mail blast.

16. New Business

- a. New Associate Member – Betty Elliott submitted a request from local area MSU Alum and trombone player, Randy Roost, to become an Associate member. All approved the request.
- b. Fall 2014 Reunion Date – has been set for 9/27/14, which is Homecoming.
- c. MSU College of Music Alumni Board Liaison - Bob Rice is out ill today. Abby reported that she and Bob met with the College of Music. The Alumni Board donated \$500 to the Falcone Memorial. They had discussions about how to involve other COM grads (i.e. choral). Possible join concert? Are we willing to share? If they are not open to it we want to know soon. The earliest this could happen would be 2015. The general consensus is to explore further.
- d. Requests for small pep bands for individual/personal events. We've had a number of requests but the consensus was to continue addressing them on a case-by-case basis.
- e. Next Meeting will be March 23rd at 2:00 at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center
- f. The meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty M. Elliott



AGENDA
MSU Alumni Band Board Meeting
Sunday, January 26, 2014
2:00 PM at the Olympus Room,
The Kellogg Center, MSU

- 1). Call to Order
- 2). Welcome and Introductions
- 3). Secretary's Report – Betty Elliott
- 4). Treasurer's Report – Greg Pell
- 5). Past President's Report – Jim Barry
- 6). Vice President's Report – Melissa Mackey
- 7). President's Report – Stacie Detgen
- 8). Band Director's Report –
- 9). Member Relations Coordinator's Report – Tim Fox
- 10). Special Events Coordinator's Report – Jack Nelson
- 11). Event Manager's Report – Gary Baron
- 12). Listserve Manager's Report – Nancy Nelson
- 13). Tour Band Representative's Report – Jack Nelson
- 14). Old Business
 - a. Leonard Falcone plaque project
 - b. 2013 Fall Reunion wrap-up – Tim Fox
 - c. Spring Reunion – April 13, 2014
 - d. Winter Edition of the Encore
 - e. SMB Marching Band jacket fund
- 15). New Business
 - a. New Associate Member – Betty Elliott
 - b. Fall 2014 Reunion Date
 - c. MSU College of Music Alumni Board Liaison – Bob Rice
 - d. Requests for a “pep band”
 - e. Next meeting date: last year April 14 – comparable date April 13.
This is the reunion date. I suggest March 30, 2014.
 - f. Adjournment

MSU Alumni Band

Treasurer's Report November 4, 2013 – January 26, 2014

Revenue & Expenditures:

Beginning Checking Balance \$ 14,194.64

Revenue: Fall Dues - Miscellaneous \$ 100.00

Total Revenue \$ 100.00

Sub Total \$ 14,294.64

Expenditures:

#1215 Tim Fox – Phone & Postage \$ 177.68

#1216 Jack Nelson – Winter Adm. 200.96

#1217 John McDaniel -- Banner 11.58

#1218 Jack Nelson – Winter Adm. 10.00

Total Expenditures (\$ 400.22)

Total Ending Checking Balance \$ 13,894.42

Current Bank Balances:

Certificate of Deposit (0.20%) \$ 6,034.88

Checking Balance \$ 13,894.42

Total Cash Available \$ 19,929.30

Respectfully Submitted, Greg Pell, Treasurer
Sunday, January 26, 2014

MSU Alumni Band
Past President's Report January 26, 2014

A Spring Reunion article about the April 28th event which had previously been received prior to the deadline, but not included in the magazine was this time printed, including photo, in the "Alma Matters" section of the Winter 2014 edition of the **MSU Alumni Association Magazine**.

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, but not included in the **MSU Alumni Association Magazine**. Later follow up with Bob revealed that what Bob was actually interested in was a large vertical photo of an MSU Band historical event.

As in 2012, an Alumni Band ensemble entertained the crowd on Woodward Ave. near the MSU – Detroit Center building prior to the start of the **Detroit Thanksgiving Day Parade** on November 28th, 2013. Response to an email blast and a second invitation sent to 2012 performers received a very good response. 30 players with excellent instrumentation performed. (17 performed in 2012) Performers and their families (totaling ~90 persons) enjoyed free parking 1 block from Woodward, a catered hot breakfast, and reserved viewing either on the street or in the building. Both **Spartan** and **Santa Claus** made special appearances. We all decided we believe in both.

Articles for the **Winter 2014 Encore** edition have been suggested or submitted. The deadline is February 1. I will work on the articles and look for accompanying articles photos, sending them to Kim Hopkins, graphic artist, on February 8. To date, the following articles have been **suggested or submitted**:

1. Message from the President (submitted by Stacie Detgen)
2. Fall Reunion date: Sept 27 vs. Wyoming (Homecoming) (submitted by Stacie Detgen)
3. Spring Concert Band Reunion (submitted by Stacie Detgen)
4. H. Owen Reed obituary (submitted by Stacie Detgen)
5. Directors message re: 2013 SMB season (Stacie asked John Madden to write)
6. Scotland Tour (suggested by Stacie Detgen)
7. Golf Outing and photo (submitted by Lynn Brown)
8. Wind Symphony Carnegie Hall & Mid-West Clinic (from MSU Bands website)
9. John Madden 25 years & Rose Bowl (suggested by Jim Barry)
10. Thanksgiving Day Parade performance (suggested by Jim Barry)
11. Wind Sym. Carnegie Hall & Mid-West Clinic (from MSU Bands website)
12. Pentwater performance (suggested by Nancy & Jack Nelson)
13. Homecoming parade (suggested by Nancy & Jack Nelson)
14. Winter pep bands (suggested by Nancy & Jack Nelson)
15. Upcoming pep bands in March (suggested by Nancy & Jack Nelson)
16. Email address changes and notification (submitted by Nancy Nelson)
17. SMB Alumni Band lunch in L.A. (suggested by Melissa Mackey, who has photos)
18. Need for more \$ for SMB Jacket Fund (Stacie asked Susan Gould to write)
19. Wind & Rhythm radio show & archives (notified by Doug Brown, host)
20. Scotland Tour

How do we submit it?
"Cordially,"



President's Report
January 26, 2014

- In early December, Greg Pell, Jim Barry, and I attended the Spartan Marching Band final business meeting to pass out the senior pins. We will need to re-order the pins as we have only a few left.
- A huge "thank you" to Jack Nelson for the numerous hours he has already invested toward the success of eight pep band events. Now he has only five more pep band gigs to complete.
- Thank you to Nancy Nelson for keeping us all well informed with the email blasts.
- Thank you to all those who submitted articles for the Winter Encore and for Jim Barry for co-ordinating this project.
- The 2014 Spring Concert Band Reunion will be on Sunday, April 13th. Professors Bloomquist, Whitwell, Catron, Sedatole, and Bob Rice will be our guest conductors. We will be back in Fairchild Theatre.
- I have been able to get the titles for the Spring Concert Reunion program. I will contact Kevin Sedatole after the Carnegie concert to inquire which piece he would like to conduct.
- I am sorry to report the passing of the H. Owen Reed on January, 6, 2014. He was 103.
- Thank you to everyone on the board who tirelessly gives of their time for the members of this organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacie Detgen, President
MSU Alumni Band Association

Falcone Project Donation Worksheet

Money donated to Alumni Band

Pro

- Complete control of money raised
- Fundraising costs can be paid for from the fund
- The project is owned outright by the alumni band

Money donated to University

Pro

- University does all the collecting
- Donations tax deductible and may count towards University giving
- No accounting on the part of the alumni band is needed
- No work for Tim/Greg other than to pass any checks sent to us directly to the University

Cons

- Donations not tax deductible/count towards University giving
- More work for Greg/Tim
- Need to separate funds so an accounting can be made at any time

Cons

- Extra funds cannot be used for anything other than what is in the agreement But the agreement might be able to be written to allow Alumni Band some control over disbursements after project is paid for
- Payment for the plaque is thru the University, not the alumni band.
- University has control

Falcone Memorial Project

WHAT WE DO KNOW

- Cost for the plaque including installation is \$6500. We would like to add a spotlight and that cost might be as high as \$1500.
- The location has been finalized and it would be in the end of the hallway leading into Rm 110 and across from the band office.
- We already have \$1500 in donations: \$1000 from Ed Deeb and \$500 from the MSU School of Music Alumni.
- Beryl and family have seen the final wording. Changes were made by Gary Baron.
- Lifelike replicas will be under \$100 ea. and would be presented to Beryl at the Fall 2014 reunion at halftime or some other time at the game to be determined by the School of Music/Athletics. Scoreboard could be used for visual tribute.
- A copy of the three page article from Nov.1966 written by Ed Deeb and printed by the School of Music (conversation with Rebecca Surian) would be given to all donors along with a thank you letter for the donation.

UP FOR DISCUSSION

- Ed Deeb made many suggestions: have a presentation dinner on the Friday before the reunion. Or this could be a presentation/reception in the recital hall if available. Pictures of School of Music rep/alumni band Prez and some committee members be made available to the press. Legislature recognition. Ask athletic department to donate.
- In conversation with Rebecca Surian, there are two ways of funding the project. First would be thru donations made to the University for the specific project. A donation number has already been assigned for this project. Money donated would be tax deductible and can only be used for this project. Money could not be used to pay for fund raising costs (mailings, etc). The alumni band would only have to pass over to the University any checks made payable to MSU with the project number on it.
- Rebecca also mentioned two ways of contacting donors: either mass mailing (could be just to people who played under Leonard) or select a limited number of donors.
- The other way of funding would be to have donors write checks/use EventBrite and give the money to the alumni band. Monies then collected could be used to pay for the project and additional monies would be given to the Leonard Falcone Endowed Scholarship at MSU or other wish of the family/alumni band. Donations would not be tax deductible and would require more effort on the part of the treasurer (Greg) and member relations (Tim). We could solicit money in the same two ways: mass mailing or a select number of donors.

Leonard V. Falcone

1899-1985

MSU Director of Bands, 1927-1967



Respected and beloved for his leadership, discipline and musical excellence, Professor Falcone helped to establish a national reputation for the MSU College of Music. During his eleven-year tenure as Director of Bands, his initial arrangement provided the MSU Bands to national prominence as MAC, Big Ten, and then MSU. As Michigan State University Professor of Band and Leadership in 1967, Professor Falcone became the world's foremost scholar and authority on the baritone horn. His legacy lives on today in the hearts of the legions of loyal students who have gone on to teach and play throughout the world.

Placed April 29, 2014

with unending respect and profound gratitude by the
Michigan State University Alumni Band