

MSU Alumni Band Board Meeting
June 7, 1014
Kellogg Center, Olympus room

Meeting called to order at 1:03 pm

Members Present: Stacie Detgen, Greg Pell, Bob Rice, Jack Nelson, Nancy Nelson, Abby Zarimba, Lynn Brown, Susan Gould, Dale Bartlett, Melissa Mackey, Tim Fox

- 1.) **Secretary's report-** Susan Gould for Betty Elliott. Corrected spelling error. Minutes were approved as corrected.
- 2.) **Treasurer's Report -Greg Pell**, approved as printed and presented.
- 3.) **Past President's Report – Jim Barry.** Approved as printed
- 4.) **Vice-President's Report – Melissa Mackey.** Melissa announced that she will take a one year leave from the board to get her twins through their senior year of high school, but plans to return.
- 5.) **President's Report – Stacie Detgen.** Discussion started about the fall reunion. We are requesting that John Madden help coordinate water for the Alumni Band after halftime. As for our theme for the fall reunion (September 27), we can continue with our Rose Bowl theme, but we are not permitted to mention the past Rose Bowl teams in the performance. We CAN recognize band members during the show. As for the spring reunion, it will be April 19 at Fairchild Theater. Report accepted as printed and presented.
- 6.) **Special Projects – Jack Nelson.** Pentwater gig is a go – August 16. More details to follow. Report accepted as presented.
- 7.) **List Serve Manager – Nancy Nelson.** Waiting to send the next email blast when Pentwater details are secured. She will also include video links to Carnegie Hall performance and other events. Report accepted as presented
- 8.) **Member Relations Coordinator's Report – Tim Fox.** Report accepted as printed and presented.
- 9.) **Event Manager – Nancy Nelson** has taken a look at the materials left by Gary Baron to help us help fill the vacancy and ensure the transition is smooth. Nancy, Abby, Tim and Stacie have stepped up to fill the vacancy as a committee. Gary left an extensive, printed report. He used personally owned materials to organize events, thus discussion was directed toward what we might need to acquire (printer? Scanner? Etc) **Gregg Pell moved** authorize the board to purchase necessary equipment and software, not to exceed \$1,000. Second by Abby Zarimba. Motion passed.

10.) **Tour Band Representative: Report from Jack Nelson.**

According to Mr. B himself, “Ken Bloomquist has flunked retirement” and will be the conductor of the next tour band. He is proposing a (7 day) Mediterranean Cruise in the summer of 2016. From the planning side, he believes all the rehearsals take place on the ship and have two concerts on the ship, and one land performance. He’s also looking into tour extensions, either Istanbul or Egypt. This is a new a different path for alumni band. He’s done them before with other groups, and feels very comfortable with this kind of trip. He proposes that we keep Lorelee Campbell to stay on as travel agent. Much, much more information will follow as the planning stages progress.

Old Business:

1.) **Falcone Plaque** letters have been sent, and donations are coming in. A short presentation to Beryl and the family is expected, but would take time from halftime. Stacie suggested investigating presenting during the game during a TV time out instead. Tim suggested maybe filming the presentation during our alumni rehearsal, and then show it on the screen during the game. Stacie will continue to investigate which of these options are possible and report back.

2.) Tim suggested the need for a **photographer to be on the field** specifically for Alumni Band. Stacie will investigate whether or not we can obtain a field pass.

3.) **Uniform/Tee shirts:** We are moving ahead with the idea of our uniform being “MSU Green”. Our plan is to have new shirts for ALL fall reunion members wear the same shirt. Melissa has written an article to include in the Encore. The board supports her article enthusiastically, and will sign the article from “the Alumni Board”. On Event Brite: The registration will be \$20 (tee shirt included). In future years, we can split the fee in to \$10 for registration, and \$10 for the tee shirt. Jack will contact the shirt company to set up the order details and arrange for delivery.

4.) **Fall reunion discussion** from our survey results:

Refreshments for the morning for the fall? Greg Pell has volunteered his son and Meijer. Melissa will work with Greg on the details.

Lunch? Can we buy lunches from the concessions in advance and have them delivered to us in the stands? Should we consider switching?

Snacks: Granola bar? Apple? Can we organize a way to serve more food-equally. Stacie will contact Madden.

Tuning during rehearsal? Solved.

Guest Speakers? How many and who (President and Husband, Hollis, Forger, Izzo, Westerman – one minute presentations)

Marching drill? Stacie will continue the discussion with Madden regarding the desire to march more.

Postgame instructions? Lots of problems last year. Postgame plans must be part of the morning rehearsal.

Complaints about instruments (quality)? Sounds like a one-year issue.

Playing in the stands with the SMB? Comes back to what John conducts – and having alumni band paying attention. John needs to mention to the band to watch for the hand signals indicating what they are playing next, and that all alums all welcome to play along.

5.) Spring reunion wrap up:

Attendance? Very small. How do we handle the drop? Abby discussed attendance when we shared the concert with the college bands and how the combined effort was rewarding for the alumni band. How do we present a concert for alums and regain attendance. Ideas: Choral alumni? Strings? Chamber ensembles? General agreement from the board that changing our format slightly to include College of Music ensembles.

The luncheon was incredibly popular this year. Should we invite a speaker at lunch? Discussion will be held for future meetings.

6.) Reminder that Encore articles are due July 1

New Business:

1.) Requests for alumni band performance were discussed. Both were declined because of the date.

2. **A request for funds** to contribute to the piece written in memory Gerry Spry was sent to us. \$300 was approved for contribution from the MSU Alumni Band Board as long as our association name was included as a contributor to the commission, and we have the right to perform the work at a future concert if we so choose.

3.) **Mission Statement:** Tabled until our next meeting. Jim Barry has sent some wonderful ideas for us. Jim is absent today and we want to discuss this with him present.

4.) Quick discussion on selling out old alumni band shirt (\$10) and merchandise.
Can anyone purchase it? Yes.

Next meeting date: Sunday, August 10 at 2 pm

Meeting Adjourned at 2:45 pm