

## MSU ALUMNI BAND

Alumni Band Executive Board Meeting Minutes

2:00 p.m., Sunday, August 10, 2014

The Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, Olympus Room

**REMINDER:** The next Board meeting will be 2:00 p.m., Sunday, November 9, 2014

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m.

**Present:** Jim Barry, Lynn Brown, Betty Elliott, Tim Fox, Stacie Detgen, Susan Gould, Melissa Mackey, Jack Nelson, Nancy Nelson, Greg Pell, Bob Rice, Bill Sachs,

2. **Secretary's Report – Betty Elliott** - The Secretary's report (by Susan Gould, acting secretary) was approved as submitted.
3. **Treasurer's Report – Greg Pell** (See report at end of minutes) –The Treasurer's report was approved as submitted. Greg indicated that Bill has approximately \$217 in reimbursements and Board moved to approved reimbursement.
4. **Past President's Report – Jim Barry** (See report at end of minutes). *The Encore* was sent out with only about 46 going via snail mail. There was nothing in this most recent MSUAA magazine about our group but will be in the next issue. Jim's report was approved as submitted.
5. **Vice-President's Report – Melissa Mackey**
  - a. More volunteers are still needed for the fall reunion.
  - b. Greg will work with his son for getting registration food from Meijer's
  - c. Melissa'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.
  - a. The music was ready much earlier this year with special thanks to Jeff Kressler.
  - b. Color Guard have requested to wear T-shirts but wanted white. Since we are stressing a "uniform" look this year with everyone in green T-shirts, the Board voted no to the white color request.
  - c. Stacie is working on approval for distribution of the after-halftime food in stands by people in our own group to make distribution quicker.
  - d. Falcone plaque placement. Discussion was held on Dem Hall versus the Music Building. All agreed it should be the Music Building since Dr. Falcone was involved with more than just the SMB.
  - e. Dave Brown of the Alumni office has asked to share our data base. Approval from the Music Department authorities will be needed and Stacie will research that.
  - f. Stacie reports that Jim Barry has agreed to stay on as Editor of *The Encore*.
  - g. Stacie is working on getting a video clip of the Falcone plaque presentation
  - h. Stacie is working with Kevin Sedatole to get our spring concert on the MSU website, and to have the concert shared with a group or ensemble.
  - i. Information regarding the 2016 cruise tour band will be available approximately March 2015.
7. **Band Director's Report** – No band directors were present
8. **Member Relations Coordinator's Report - Tim Fox.** Tim's report was approved as submitted.

- a. Thank you letters have been sent to all who included donations in their fall registrations.
- b. The transition of duties from Gary Baron is going smoothly with responsibilities divided between Tim, Nancy and Abby.
- c. On 8/29 there will be a dedication of the new practice field at 4:00 to 4:30 with the SMP performing at 3:00.
- d. 103 members have registered for fall reunion but it's very early. 9 signed up for the golf outing; 33 for the Homecoming parade; \$255 sent in for Bloomquist scholarship; \$145 for Whitwell; \$710 for band jackets and \$355 for the Falcone plaque.

**9. Special Project Coordinator's Report – Jack Nelson** - Jack's report was approved as submitted.

- a. Jack reported that it has been a bit more difficult getting people signed up for the annual Pentwater event this year, but has ended up with a record number of 70, 22 of which are students and the rest alums.
- b. An article was the Lansing State Journal about the annual event.
- c. The flatbed truck has been reserved for the Homecoming parade.
- d. Jack received a request for a possible gig in Detroit for a large donor's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday party. Jim will research the details.
- e. Jack feels there is a great need for representation at the annual Traverse City Cherry Festival parade. The Alum coordinator that typically works with that group will coordinate with Jack for next year's parade.
- f. Jack received a request for a Piston's Performance opportunity. Details are unclear but this group agreed it's worth consideration and discussion.

**10. List Serve Manager's Report – Nancy Nelson** – Nancy's report was approved as submitted.

- a. Nancy has not yet purchased the computer approved at the last meeting and is waiting for school sales. The group approved Nancy going ahead with her judgment on the model and software.
- b. Nancy is handling all the data base information and reports that Gary had previously done. Tim and Abby are on music details, snail mails and all other duties.
- c. It was suggested that Gary be recognized at the morning fall reunion meeting for all his hard work and dedication. Jim will look for a gift
- d. Nancy reported, along with Tim, that all music has been sent to registrants within 24 hours of registration.

**11. Tour Band Representative's Report – Jack Nelson.** Jack reported that this cruise tour band has the potential to be the best ever. There will be numerous price options. As Stacie reported, more information will be available in March. The report was approved as submitted.

**12. Golf Outing – Lynn Brown.** Lynn reported that food costs have gone up tremendously. While she did negotiate a low rate, it was a slim one. The Board approved \$100 should Lynn need it for prizes or anything else. Report was accepted as submitted.

**13. Old Business**

- a. Falcone plaque project - \$6400 has been received in donations. While the cost of the plaque is less there is still cost of installation. This also includes a replica for Beryl. Thank you letters have been sent to all donors; wording all approved; and an article placed in *The Encore*.
- b. Fall 2014 Reunion wrap up.
  - i. Tim is requesting that we have more wrist bands than last year. Stacie will relay this information to John Madden.
  - ii. Stacie will also pursue getting Lisa Nelson in the stadium to take photos.
  - iii. Tim wants shirts in his possession prior to registration so they can be organized, etc.

- iv. The banner will NOT be carried by youth this year so we need two adult volunteers.
- v. Stacie will ask John if the Alumni will be joining the SMB at the end of the football game.
- vi. Betty will send invitations to President Simon, Dr. Forger, Coach Izzo, Mr. Hollis and Mr. Westerman to stop in during rehearsal for a few words with the alums.

#### **14. New Business**

- a. Pentwater – see Jack Nelson’s report.
- b. Slate of Officers – A new Vice President is needed. Greg Pell will resign as Treasurer and assume VP position, with Stacie remaining as president for another year. A few names were submitted for contacting about the Treasurer position. Stacie will finalize the remaining slate for presentation at the meeting.
- c. An “opt out” option needs to be examined should we decide to share data bases. This will be mentioned in one of the upcoming e-mail blasts.
- d. The next meeting will be November 9th at 2:00 at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center
- e. The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty M. Elliott

