

MSU Alumni Bands
Alumni Band Executive Board Meeting Minutes
2:00 p.m. Saturday, June 13, 2015
The Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, Olympus Room

REMINDER: The next Board meeting will be 2:00 p.m., **Saturday, August 8, 2015**

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:10.m.

Present: Jim Barry, Lynn Brown, Stacie Detgen, Betty Elliott, Tim Fox, Susan Gould, John Madden, Jack Nelson, Nancy Nelson, Greg Pell, Bob Rice, Abby Zarimba

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

Item #5 corrected a spelling error to read "Lesa Nelson". The report was approved with corrections.

3. **Treasurer's Report – Abby Zarimba** (see attached)

Abby reported that we are roughly ahead of last year's balance by \$6000 due to scholarship fund and bank jacket fund donations. The last band jacket check presented to Mr. Madden was in the fall of 2013. It was moved by Susan Gould and seconded by Jim Barry that we send a check to Mr. Madden by the fall reunion. Motion approved. Report approved.

4. **Past President's Report – Jim Barry**

Jim reminded everyone that *The Encore* deadline is June 12. Please send any additional articles or pictures to Jim. He reported also that the digitations project of memorabilia in Dave Catron's home has begun. Anyone wishing to help out can meet at Mr. Catron's home on 6/29 at 9:30 a.m.

He also made note that this year is the 45th anniversary of the Alumni Band, the 50th anniversary of the Series, and the 100th anniversary of the Fight Song.

Report Approved.

5. **Vice President's Report – Greg Pell**

Greg reported that more T-Shirts will be needed for the fall reunion. Jack will take care of the ordering. Otherwise, he is all ready for the fall reunion. Report approved.

6. **President's Report – Stacie Detgen** -- See attached report. Report approved as submitted

7. Band Director's Report – John Madden

John reported that SMB auditions are currently taking place as well as a conductor's symposium is taking place all week. As Jim mentioned this is the 100th anniversary of The Fight Song and indicated there will be a big deal made of it this fall (banners; special mentions at football games, etc.) There is also a campaign to rename The Fight Song to better identify it as belonging to MSU (i.e. "The Spartan's Fight Song" is one suggestion). The change would be something very minor.

John indicated there is no major travel for the band this year. He conducted an International High School summer session in China. Dr. Sedatole is guest conducting the Army Band at Ft. Meyer. Cormack Cannon has taken the Marching Band Director position at the University of S. Carolina. He has been replaced with David Thornton, the lead doctoral student.

As discussed in the treasurer's report, we will send the band our donations for band jackets so the funds can be spent this year and a ceremonial check be presented at the fall reunion.

Mr. Madden's report was approved as submitted.

8. Member Relations Coordinator's Report – Tim Fox (see attached report)

Tim reported that thank you letters for paid memberships and scholarship contributors have all been mailed. Stacie wrote the letter, Nancy pulled the addresses, Abby printed the labels and Tim mailed. Tim delivered to Rebecca Surian those donations sent in via snail mail. The new order of pins was received; should last us 12 years! Tim requested approval to order more alumni band patches and will add them the Event Brite options. The board approved the request. Registration for the fall reunion begins July 18th; late registration begin September 5th. Tim's report was approved as submitted.

9. Special Events Coordinator's Report – Jack Nelson

Jack reported that he is all set for the August 15th Pentwater event. MSUAA has donated \$2000 to fund the students. Nancy will send a blast e-mail out with all details.

The e-mail blast will also recruit players for the July 11th Traverse City Cherry Festival. In previous years the group participating did not make a great showing, so we'll try to increase participation by coordinating with that group with additional players to make a better showing.

There has also been a request to have a small pep band (20 players) play at the August 21st Detroit Tiger baseball game which will be highlighting MSU fans, alums, students, etc. There will be free tailgate food, a ticket for the musician and a ticket also for a guest. Nancy will recruit via the e-mail blast and Jim will try to recruit Detroit alums.

Finally Jack spoke about the annual Tim Staudt summer party featuring the band with proceeds going to Sparrow Hospital Children's department. This will be September 20th, the day following the fall reunion. Henry Nelson will be the featured guest of honor. Stacie moved, and Jim seconded, that we support this event by purchasing a table as an alum group. John Madden will talk to the lady in charge on how to best do this. Motion was approved. Jack will get further information to Stacie on this as well.

Jack's report was accepted as submitted.

10. **List Serve Manager's Report – Nancy Nelson**

Nancy reported that this is a good time to re-do any forms that anyone feels need updating. She will be sending out e-mail blasts in a week with information on the various summer events and performances. Another will go out when *The Encore* is ready.

She also found an original poster of retro advertising. She gave this to John who indicated it would surely be used in some form with all the anniversaries this year.

11. **Tour Representative's Report – Jack Nelson**

Jack reported that the tour has been finalized. There will be a rehearsal on June 24th, with arrival in Boston on the 25th and departure from Montreal on July 2nd. Lauralee Campbell reports that prices should be finalized within the next week or two. Report approved as submitted.

12. **Old Business**

- a. All went well with the **Leonard Falcone Plaque presentation** in the Music building. A thank you letter was received from CeCe Campbell.
- b. **Money left over from plaque project.** Abby will check with Rebecca Surian to see if this money can be put toward other funds, is there another Falcone scholarship fund it could go to, etc. She will also check to make sure all plaque installation costs have been paid.
- c. Stacie reported that the **2016 spring reunion date has not yet been finalized.**
- d. Per Jim's report, anyone on the Board wanting to work on the **Catron memorabilia project** can show up at Dave's house on June 29th, at 9:30 a.m.

13. **New Business**

a. **Fall Reunion**

- i. Tim requested that John provide more wrist bands this year. John will make sure that happens.
 - ii. Tim requested approval to provide music on line. John agreed.
 - iii. It was agreed to use lanyards again this year. We may eliminate in 2016.
- b. **45th Anniversary ideas:** Send all ideas to Stacie. John suggested honoring Dr. Bloomquist via some announcements, big screen shots, etc. May include David Catron as well. A sub-committee, to include Jim, Greg, Bob, Stacie and Dan Bloomquist, will meet to determine how this will be done.
 - c. **Next edition of *The Encore*:** previously discussed in Past President's report.
 - d. **Next Meeting:** Saturday, August 8th, at 2:00 in the Kellogg Hotel, Olympus Road

14. Meeting adjourned at 3:50.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty Elliott



MSU Alumni Band
Treasurer's Report
March 28, 2015 - June 12, 2015

Revenue and Expenditures:

Beginning Checking Balance : \$20,987.89

Revenue:	4/6/15	MSU Club of W. Michigan (Band Jackets)	\$500.00
	4/6/15	Spring Reunion Dues/Registration	\$100.00
	4/20/15	Spring Reunion Dues/Registration	\$160.00
	5/10/15	EventBrite Deposit - Spring Reunion	\$1,068.50
		<u>Total Revenue</u>	<u>\$1,828.50</u>

Sub Total \$22,816.39

Expenditures:	3/28/15	#1258 T. Fox - Phone, Encore, Print, Postage	(\$460.25)
	3/28/15	#1259 A. Zarimba - March Meeting	(\$44.40)
	4/19/15	#1260 M. Ross - Whitwell Scholarship	(\$1,000.00)
	4/19/15	#1261 C. Fetting - Bloomquist Scholarship	(\$1,000.00)
	4/19/15	#1262 A. Zarimba - Directors' Reunion Lunch	(\$110.93)
	4/28/15	#1263 T. Fox - Graduate Pins	(\$2,093.44)
	5/10/15	#1264 N. Nelson - Computer repair	(\$180.00)
	Misc.	Service Charge - March, April, May	(\$6.00)
		<u>Total Expenditures</u>	<u>(\$4,895.02)</u>

Total Ending Checking Balance \$17,921.37

Current Bank Balances:

Certificate of Deposit (0.20%)	\$6,051.90
<u>Checking Balance</u>	<u>\$17,921.37</u>

Total Cash Available \$23,973.27

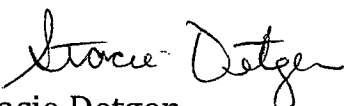
Respectfully Submitted, Abby Zarimba, Treasurer
June 13, 2015

Abby J. Zarimba

MSU Alumni Band
President's Report
June 13, 2015

1. Thank you for giving of your time to the Alumni Band Association. There is so much work done behind the scenes that no one knows about. I am in awe of how selfless you are. You are the heart of this organization.
2. I was unable to find out what pieces were played at the first Alumni Marching Band reunion. I asked Ken Bloomquist, Dave Catron, and Merritt Lutz. So I made an executive decision – I asked each director choose their favorite piece to conduct. Ken Bloomquist chose *National Emblem*, Dave Catron couldn't decide between *Tradition* and *Baby Elephant Walk*, so I assigned *Tradition* to Dave and *Baby Elephant Walk* to John Whitwell. John Madden is going to arrange a piece for us to perform and he will conduct. Three of the four pieces are already written and hopefully will not need arranging. I have asked Roger Stevens to arrange the percussion parts.
3. Do we want to send out a survey to the Alumni Concert Band attendees? We do this for the fall reunion.
4. I felt that the Spring Concert Band Reunion went very well. I also thought the Falcone plaque presentation went very well. CeCe was very pleased and sent a heartfelt thank you note. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this event to make it run smoothly.

Respectfully submitted,

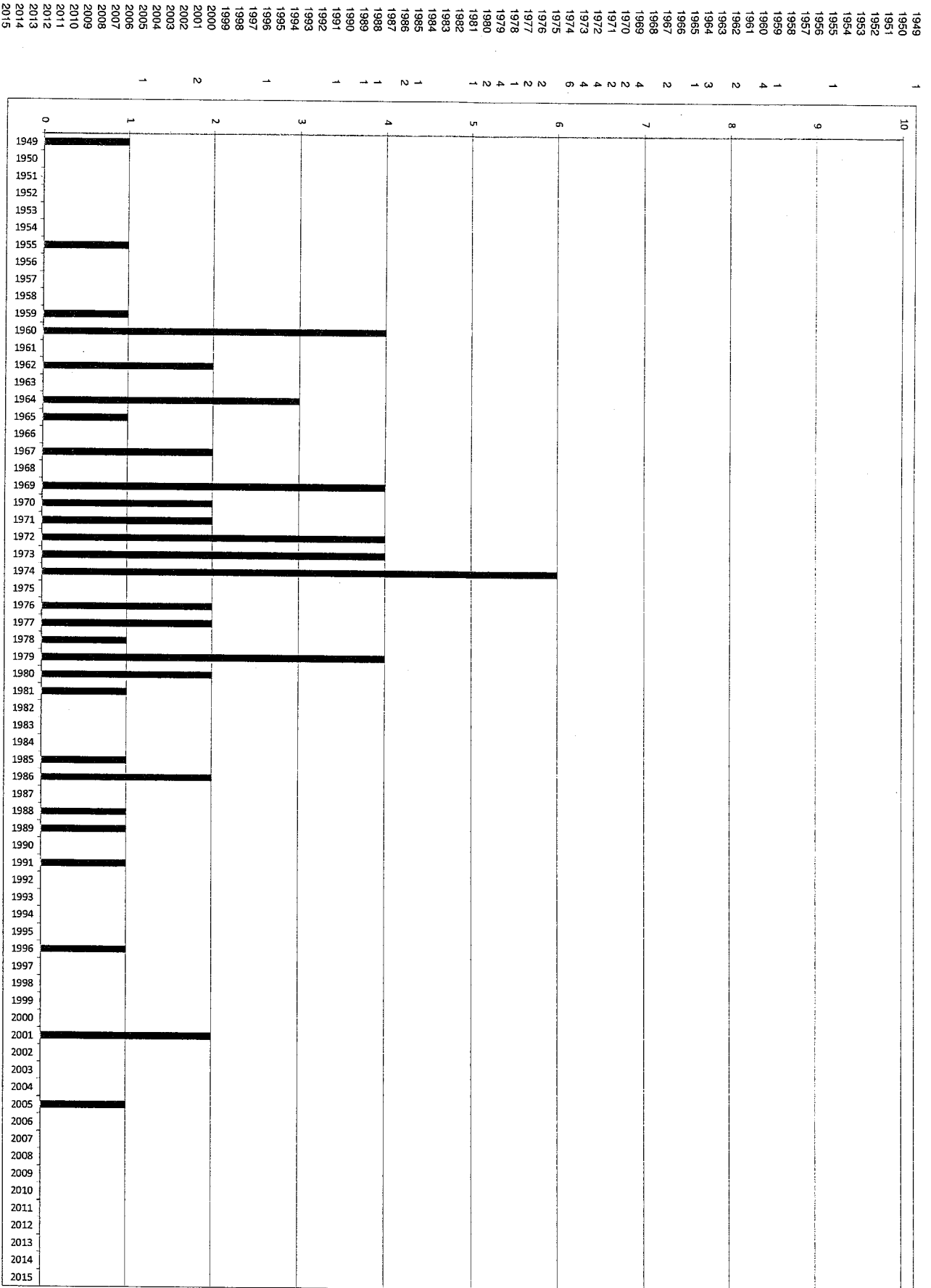

Stacie Detgen

MSU Alumni Band - Spring Reunions

	Individuals Registered	Returned Forms/Not Attending	Total Forms Received	Undeliverable (Returned Forms)	Total Forms	Canceled / No Show	Walked In	Total Participants
2010	58	82	140	68	208	-12	2	48
2011	66	78	144	97	241	-4	1	63
2012	82	18	100	54	154	-9	1 *	74
2013	47	8	55	1	56	-4	5 *	48
2014	51	4	55	1	56	0	0	51
2015	65	5	70	2	72	-4	4 *	65
Averages	61.5	32.5	94.0	37.2	131.2	-5.5	2.2	58.2

* Walk-in's are students added for performance

	Attendees Registered on time	Late Registrations (not including walk-ins)	Responded/ Registered / Paid on-line	Responded / Registered / Paid by mail	Responded - no dues paid (on-line)	Responded - no dues paid (by mail)	Overall % On-line Mail	Annual Memberships Paid	Kellogg Lunches	House Count	Venue
2009											
2010											
2011	39	27				11		59	50		Wharton Fairchild
2012	72	10	73	10	0	4	83.9%	42	75	93	ELHS Fairchild
2013	45	2	46	10	0	0	82.1%	22	40	33	Denn Hall
2014	40	11	50	3	0	2	90.9%	17	49	54	Fairchild
2015	59	6	64	5	1	0	92.9%	25	54	72	Fairchild
Averages	51.0	11.2	58.3	7.0	0.3	3.4		33.0	53.6	63.0	



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