

**MSU Alumni Bands**  
Alumni Band Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
2:00 p.m. Sunday, November 8, 2015  
The Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, Olympus Room

**REMINDER:** The next Board meeting will be 2:00 p.m., Sunday, January 17, 2016

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m.

**Present:** Jim Barry, Dale Bartlett, Lynn Brown, Stacie Detgen, Matt DuPree, Betty Elliott, Tim Fox, Susan Gould, Sean Lynch, Jack Nelson, Nancy Nelson, Greg Pell, Abby Zarimba

2. **Introduction of Guest** – Sean Lynch, Assistant Director of Development for the College of Music.

Sean talked briefly about some of the plans to increase donations to the various funds in the College of Music and will have more information on those at a later date.

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

The report was approved with corrections as follows: Item #3 – typo; correct “submitted” to read “submitted”; item 13D: add Jim Barry to the group; and correct Dale Brown to read Dale Bartlett in the list of attendees.

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

Abby submitted several reports in addition to the regular quarterly report. Those included: (1) report of fall reunion 2015 revenue and expenditures; (2) the 2014/2015 annual report; (3) listing of Whitwell and Bloomquist scholarship donations since 2014 and 2015 disbursements; (4) list of SMB Band Jacket Fund donations since fall 2013; (5) List of Falcone Memorial Bands Scholarship Endowment donations for fall of 2015; and (6) a listing of the Falcone Endowed Music Scholarship (two different funds) for fall of 2015. For copies of these six reports, please contact Abby via e-mail at: [abbyzarimba@yahoo.com](mailto:abbyzarimba@yahoo.com) Report approved as submitted, with thanks for making such detailed reports available.

5. **Past President's Report - Stacie Detgen**

Stacie thanked all members for their reunion help. The weekend went very well. She also thanked everyone for the past year's assistance during her time as President. Report Approved.

6. **Vice President's Report – Mike Scholes**

Greg Pell reported in Mike's absence.

- a. Good numbers of volunteers helped in all areas and the student volunteer was great.
- b. We only obtained 4 parking passes but will continue to work during the upcoming year to get that increased for next fall.
- c. Catering – Starbuck's tried to accommodate all of our needs
- d. Terry Gartside was all set up by 7:00 a.m. with Alumni Band apparel.

- e. The Surplus Store was a nice addition, selling band jacket pillows, two of which Coach Izzo purchased.
- f. Post game – there were requests for photo ops; will work on that for next year.

Report approved as submitted.

**7. President's Report – Greg Pell**

- a. Band Jacket Fund – we have done very well. With the anonymous “angel” mentioned at last meeting (via Sean Lynch), other anonymous donors and fall reunion donations, we have raised \$21,300 to date (rounded). An on-line link via the Development Office has generated \$5000. Things are going so well that an endowment is being considered. (see attached)
- b. At John Madden's request a small group with great instrumentation performed at a funeral in Jackson for Peter Blake. A \$500 donation was given to the band jacket fund.
- c. Holiday Band Coverage. It is hard to get coverage for the women's games. Greg met with the Executive Associate Athletic Director to ask for some perks for musicians performing at these games. They will get back to us and hopefully something will make recruitment easier.
- d. Annual Tim Staudt Sparrow Children's and SMB Fund Raiser was recently held with Henry Nelson being honored. A table of Alumni Board members, along with some others, were in attendance. Henry played solo piccolo for Stars and Stripes and sat in on tuba for the Spartan Fight Song and Alma Mater. Jim caught it all on video and will put a link in *The Encore*.

**8. Band Director's Report – None present.**

**9. Member Relations Coordinator's Report – Tim Fox (See attached)**

- a. Tim asked if more thank you notes should go out to those who come and volunteer every year that aren't a part of the Board. All agreed and Tim will take care of this.
- b. Tim provided the following fall reunion reports: (1) breakdown of attendance since 2009; (2) participation by graduation year; (3) number of participants by graduation year/last year in band; and (4) survey response summary. For a copy of these reports, please e-mail Tim at: [gospartans@hotmail.com](mailto:gospartans@hotmail.com)
- c. He also provided both fall and spring timelines for reunion tasks.

Tim's report was approved as submitted, with thanks for making such detailed reports available.

**10. Special Events Coordinator's Report – Jack Nelson**

- a. Jack reported that the Homecoming Parade band was great although smaller this year with 40 players. Need to consider marketing this better to get increased participation.
- b. The Holiday Pep band schedule is almost complete and will be sent out in an e-mail blast.

Jack's report was approved as submitted.

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

- a. Nancy reported she has totally updated all email addresses.
- b. She has sent 3500 snail mail addresses to the band office and hopes to receive updates on those.
- c. Beryl Falcone has moved to "New Life" assisted living.

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

Jack reported that Stacie has agreed to co-chair this committee and that John Madden and Kevin Sedatole have agreed to help out. Report approved as submitted.

**13. Old Business**

- a. Fall Reunion – Tim's detailed reports summed up much of the reunion, as well as those of Mike . 60% of the attendees returned the survey.
- b. Digitizing SMB videos/Dave Catron Memorabilia – Jim and Tim will meet and discuss how best to move forward on this project.

**10. New Business**

- a. Slate of Officers for 2015-16. The new slate of officers was approved at the Fall Reunion.
- b. *The Encore* next issue deadline is February 8<sup>th</sup> for all articles, photos, etc.
- c. The Bloomquist/Whitwell video collages that were shown at the Fall Reunion will be posted to social media. A lot of the information was obtained from the MSU Archives housed in Conrad Hall.
- d. Susan reported that she had a request from a friend wanting to know requirements for becoming an Alumni Band member. It was suggested that this information could be in the form of an article in *The Encore*. All agreed.
- e. Stacie reported that Dr. Bloomquist sent a very nice thank you note for the Fall Reunion recognition, stating his appreciation and how much he enjoyed the whole day.
- f. A photo of the new Board was taken.
- g. Next Meeting – Sunday, January 17th at 2:00 in the Kellogg Center Olympus Room.
- h. Meeting adjourned at 4:00

Respectfully Submitted,

*Betty Elliott*



**MSU Alumni Band**  
**Treasurer's Report**  
**August 8, 2015 - November 7, 2015**

Revenue and Expenditures:

Beginning Checking Balance : \$17,390.33

Revenue:	8/10/15	Fall Registration and Dues	\$372.50
	8/21/01	Nelson - Jacket Fund Donation	\$140.00
	9/21/15	Fall Registration and Dues	\$608.50
	9/28/15	Golf Outing Deposit	\$315.00
	10/1/15	Fall Registration and Dues	\$385.00
	10/7/15	Fall Registration, Dues, Donations - Eventbrite	\$15,428.29
	10/7/15	Golf Outing Deposit	\$100.00
		<u>Total Revenue</u>	<u>\$17,349.29</u>

Sub Total \$34,739.62

Expenditures: Misc		Service Charge - Paper Statements July, Aug, Sep, Oct	(\$8.00)
	8/4/15	Sisco Deposit Returned	(\$8.00)
	8/8/15	#1267 - T. Fox Name Tags, Encore, Phone	(\$441.50)
	8/8/15	#1268 - A. Zarimba - August Meeting	(\$122.18)
	8/12/15	#1269 - R. Stevens - MB Arrangements	(\$150.00)
	8/21/15	#1270 - MSU - SMB Jacket Fund Donation	(\$4,449.00)
	8/21/15	#1271 - K. Hopkins - Encore	(\$358.40)
	9/1/15	Service Charge - Returned Deposit	(\$12.00)
	9/8/15	#1272 - S. Gaut - Stained Glass for Directors	(\$152.00)
	9/9/15	#1273 - Custom Embroidery Plus - 150 Tees	(\$592.50)
	9/19/15	#1274 - Subway - 187 subs @ \$7.50 ea	(\$1,402.50)
	9/20/15	#1275 - G. Pell - Doughnuts for Reunion	(\$14.10)
	9/20/15	#1276 - Starbucks - Reunion Refreshments	(\$1,187.50)
	9/27/15	#1277 - Stan Setas - Apples for Reunion	(\$272.50)
	9/27/15	#1278 - MSU - Water for Reunion	(\$108.81)
	9/27/15	#1279 - D. Bartlett - Golf Outing Expenses	(\$1,942.12)
	10/1/15	#1280 - Koehler's - Charts for Reunion	(\$410.00)
	10/1/15	#1282 - Foresight - Membership Cards	(\$240.54)
	11/3/15	#1283 - J. Nelson Homecoming Chair Rental	(\$154.72)
	11/4/15	#1284 - J. Nelson Tees Reunion and Pep Band	(\$595.00)
		<u>Total Expenditures</u>	<u>(\$12,621.37)</u>

Total Ending Checking Balance \$22,118.25

Current Bank Balances:

Certificate of Deposit (0.20%)	\$6,056.02
Checking Balance	\$22,118.25

Total Cash Available \$28,174.27

Respectfully Submitted, Abby Zarimba, Treasurer  
November 8, 2015

*Abby J. Zarimba*

**- Band Jacket Fund -**

**Progress Report**

Donor #1	\$ 6,000.00
Crowd Power Appeal	\$ 5,000.00
Donor #2 (Alumni Band)	\$ 4,500.00
Donor #3	\$ 4,000.00
Donor #4	\$ 1,200.00
DCC	\$ 600.00
	<hr/>
Total to Date	\$21,300.00

## **November 8, 2015 Alumni Band Report – Member Relations**

- ordered 100 AB patches 7-9-15 (CEP price = \$5.20 each). Sold 87 (83 on-line and 4 on game day)
- checks from snail mail taken to College of Music
- sent out 118 thank you letters - there were 17 different types of letters - depending on their contributions/membership, etc.
- mailed out 14 shirts and 4 patches for people who ordered them and didn't make it to the reunion
  
- highlights from reunion survey:
  - need a more visible link on the AB web site for downloading music (for Brad)
  - music link needs to be more visible within EventBrite (bigger letters!)
  - some music didn't print correct (flip folder) size.
  - more marching rehearsal
  - better marching formations - too simple right now
  - preference for donuts and bagels
  - tuning before march to the stadium
  - opening on the Board for a recent grad
  - people really miss coming through the tunnel
  - concern over lack of younger alumni (would more relevant/contemporary music help?)
  - a number of comments over lack of direction for seating - how/where (by section?), ability to hear directions, etc.
  - question 9 - one person suggested a lot of possible themes
    - song options - a lot of variation - although Chicago came up quite a bit