

MSU ALUMNI BAND
Alumni Band Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Sunday, August 23, 2009

REMINDER: The next Board meeting will be Sunday, November 8, 2009

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:07 p.m. by President Bill Sachs

Present: Dale Bartlett, Gary Baron, Jim Barry, Betty Elliott, Tim Fox, Lynn Kelsey, John Kostoff, Joe Levine, Henry Nelson, Jack Nelson, Greg Pell, Terry Person, Bob Rice, Bill Sachs, Kevin Sedatole

Guest: Dick Best

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

The Secretary's report was approved as submitted.

3. **Treasurer's Report – Greg Pell** (attached at end of these minutes)

- a. The Treasurer's report was approved as submitted
- b. Donations are still being accepted for the Beryl Falcone gift fund.

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

Jim reported he will be meeting with CEP rep Kirk Gartside next week. Based on conversations so far we will receive 10% of all alumni merchandise sales. Jim suggested sending a mass e-mail to alums to let them know about this perk and hopefully encourage increased sales.

5. **President's Report – Bill Sachs**

- a. The *Encore* is out and all information is also on the web site.
- b. Cost of *Encore* mailing has been reduced due to the reduced paper weight and by being mailed 3rd class, but costs will go up due to expected postal rate increases. We need to readdress the topic of distribution by e-mail.
- c. Fall reunion volunteers are needed; Gary and Bill will send out e-mail recruitment notices
- d. Dale will chair the golf outing this year, but it's his last. A new chair is needed and preferably local.

6. **Band Director's Report – Kevin Sedatole**

- a. Kevin announced the hiring of Cormack Cannon from the University of Texas to replace Isaiah Odijima. He is finishing his doctorate there. He's already jumped in full force, and is able to assist Madden with arranging and drill writing.
- b. Spartan Band Fan Club – all news letters will now be web based.

- c. Spartan Spectacular will be October 31st at the Wharton with shows at 4 and 8. It will be known as “Spartan Spooktacular”.
- d. The SMB will be performing at the Notre Dame game.
- e. It was realized that the scholarships were never awarded last year.
- f. Due to the new Spartan Youth Wind Symphony, the Alumni band performance with the concert band in the annual spring gathering will have to be changed. Discussion followed:
 - i. An end of January shared concert with the Wind Symphony is possible but need to find a venue
 - ii. \$1200-\$1500 to rent Wharton
 - iii. If the Alumni Board funds, we could invite a different group to share the concert
 - iv. Need to find a date and space soon
 - v. All members feel the concert must be held; to skip a year (but same problem next year) would decrease future interest and attendance
 - vi. Kevin, Henry Nelson and Bill Sachs will meet to discuss further.

7. Member Relations Report – Tim Fox

- a. Tim reported that 99 fall registration forms have been received; 57 yes and 42 no. 45 have been returned “undeliverable” so far out of 2400. \$200 has been sent to the Whitwell scholarship fund and \$90 to the Bloomquist fund.
- b. The phone number on the registration forms and in the *Encore* needs to be corrected.

8. Old Business

- a. Alumni Merchandise: Previously discussed in Vice- President’s report
- b. Spring 2010 Reunion: Previously discussed; Bill and Kevin will handle

9. New Business

- a. Fall Reunion: Gary is coordinating. Jim Barry will handle parking passes. Betty will issue invitations for brief speeches to President Simon, Dr. Forger and Coach Tim Izzo. Tim Fox will handle registration with Betty helping. A volunteer is still needed to handle the refreshments. John Madden has requested to meet with the reunion chair (to also include Bill, Jack and pertinent others) for a pre-walk thru. Kevin will coordinate.
- b. Rose Bowl DVD’s: Greg has been working with Dick Best, the miniature Sparty sculptor, on the production of the DVD containing the ’54, ’56, ’66, and “88 appearances at the Rose Bowl by the SMB. There is a one time duplication fee of \$60 but actual DVD’s can be produced at \$3 each. We’ll sell for \$15. Greg and Dick will decide on the label art. An on-line duplicating source will be researched for future orders, but a quantity of 50 will be at the fall reunion.

- c. First Kickstep: Video of the first kickstep in '54 with Falcone conducting is available on a CD. The original CD was dropped off at the music building, but to date nothing has been done with it. Once confirmed that it really is the "first", consideration will be given to duplicating onto a DVD for availability at the spring reunion. There is no more space to put it on the same DVD as the Rose Bowl appearances.
- d. Online Registration: Gary indicates it time to give this serious consideration. Issues are:
 - i. paying is more difficult
 - ii. we have 2500 members in the data base but only 1100 with e-mails
 - iii. a dues paying member needs to have the option of still getting a hard copy if so desired.
- e. Longaberger Baskets: Jim Barry presented a fund raising project involving Spartan logo Longaberger baskets. It was decided to have the contact person get in touch with the music department to possibly put on the web site but this group will not get involved at this time.
- f. Golf Outing and Tour Band: Dale reported that he's already getting registrations. The tour band will meet for a reunion dinner following the game. It was suggested that everyone there, be approached about taking over the golf outing chairmanship. Either of the Kressler's were also suggested as good possibilities as well as any local golfer members.
- g. Listed scholarships in the *Encore*: The Bloomquist scholarship should be listed as a "band" scholarship, not as a "fellowship" as it was listed in the *Encore*. We need to clarify all scholarships and various funds; how the money changes hands; where the money goes, etc. Clarification needs to be given to the donors as to which donations are tax deductible. It was decided to keep Bloomquist and Whitwell awards as cash (checks) given directly to the student so as to give the most benefit to the student.
- h. MSU Alumni Association: Gordon Spink wants to resign his liaison position between the MSU Alumni Band and the MSU Alumni magazine. Jim Barry volunteered to take over this position.
- i. Alumni Band Performances: Jack reported that a nice sized group played for an Alumni Association luncheon which created a lot of good will and good PR. Jack will review all requests and future performance schedules with John Madden.
- j. 40th Anniversary in 2010: Thought needs to be given soon as to what we can do to make this a special occasion.

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The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Elliott, Secretary

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Treasurer's Report

June 1, 2009 – July 31, 2009

Revenue & Expenditures

Total Beginning Check Balance \$6,192.73

Revenues:

Deposit 6-9-09 Dues \$216.00

Total Deposits \$216.00

Sub-total \$6,408.73

Expenditures:

None

Total Expenditures (\$-0-)

Ending Checking Balance \$6,408.73

Current Bank Balance as of July 31, 2009

Certificate of Deposit (as of May 29, 2009) \$5,898.58

(Interest rate 3.73%) (Interest YTD \$89.74)

Checking Account \$6,408.73

Total Cash Available \$12,307.31

Respectfully Submitted, Greg Pell, Treasurer

(Sunday, June 7, 2009)