

Wilmette Community Band meeting minutes 8/22/2024.

Present: Maddie, Bob, Dave, Edward, Steve, Rob, Terry, Jackie, Chris T, Johnathan, Scott, Dennis, Paul.

Bob started by complimenting board members individually for their selfless commitment to the business of the Band.

Min of prev meeting/retreat approved. MOTION by Terry to approve seconded and passed.

Concert sponsorship charge changed to \$250.00

Budget report by Steve, copy of statement attached.

Terry explained AD revenue separation, sponsorship interplay. Close to 20K revenue, and Steve explained costs in detail. (see statement)

Terry suggested costs of mailing to sponsors be added to the budget for next yr.

Maddie added costs for printing will appear for next year as she is still using last years supplies.

Band Director's report: Dave suggested rehearsals be extended and will extend them a bit and see how it goes. Discussion re extended rehearsals and the impact discussed. Dave will experiment with increasing rehearsal time spans.

Dave went on to explain his views re each piece on the new music list, Dave reviewed the band calendar and its intricacies . Dave may miss a few rehearsals due to personal business in November.

The Band Handbook is pretty much done and should be made available very soon.

Scott reported on what other local bands are doing re breaks, total rehearsal duration and any negatives.

Dave started ordering music scores and he detailed his decisions so far. Budget increased to 1500.00

Motion to increase the music budget to \$1500.00 by Steve, seconded and majority carried.

Dave went thru Bob Couch's donated music, not much was appropriate.

Edward presented his fundraising report detailing his assuming the position, getting contact info and his efforts to contact and become acquainted with the system as it presents. He has already made contact with several regulars. He will be doing house calls soon. David will add the advertising form to his mailings. The QR code idea surfaced to help with donations. Venmo, Cash App. are two ideas adding a link tree.

A motion to create money transfer apps for donations. Motion was raised, voted and carried. QR code to be created by Paul and Steve. Rob, Paul, and Edward will collaborate on the details. Edward asked for any ideas to be forwarded. David raised the idea of doing a fundraiser concert or something of that nature.

Rob reported on his efforts to seek out different venues. "Center for the performing Arts" was mentioned. The Glen also came up as large and not expensive. Some other options were mentioned but were geographically unfavorable.

Paul reported no new news on the website. To move equipment Paul reported on the renting a van or a truck. Jamie won't be able to help us as he is moving on and will be unavailable. The impetus will be to rent a more appropriate truck. Paul will dig into the details. Helpers are essential and the percussionists will need to shoulder some responsibilities. The driver will be determined later. Dave suggested Patrick may be helpful. Steve and Beth will look into the details with Uhaul. Beth asked for storage bags for some of the instruments. The door monitor work should be split up into two shifts so all will be able to warm up. All felt this to be an easy thing to put into play.

Personnel report by Steve. He will be canvassing all players concerning their returning. Also contact info needs to be updated if necessary. Steve reported on Ill. arts council grant. Hoping to get a positive report.

Maddie reported on the status of returning players and will get an updated list. She has a plan to digitize the library. Some discussion ensued on the plan of what is to be digitized. Maddie will not be in town for the switch to the Holiday folder, she will be asking for help.

Jackie reported on the social activity status. Question re Hackney's again after a concert and maybe at the "V", Three Crowns is another option. The winter concert season is the usual time but the ice cream social concert was a success. After the holiday concert a reception will be a preferred plan, followed up by Jackie.

The July Fourth parades are already being booked. We have Niles registered. Logistics are an issue. Details to be worked out. Paul will be point person to work out details on a checklist.

Nominating committee report, President-Bob, VP-Terry, Secretary-Dennis, Treasurer-Steve, Librarian-Maddie, Property-Beth, Chris Thomas, Jackie and Terry-Nominating committee, Fundraising-Edward, Historian-Jim Swinger, Social Director-Jackie, Tree Members at large-Rich Straka, Chris Thomas, Anita Ridge..

We should open up to the general band membership the availability of co-chair positions. Sept first starts the new season.

Bob asked the park district of Wilmette regarding concert status for the next season. His initial query recieved no feedback. The Retreat to-do list was raised by Bob. Some items still needed to be addressed. Band members who play multiple instruments to be asked if they can switch to fill in to light spots.

Dues issue. \$ 55.00 new cost. Motion raised, unanimously passed.

Other issues, Grant Writing , potential fund raiser concert such as a “concert for a cause”, could sell tickets, ask for donations at the concert start, can provide front row seats for a small donation.

Motion to pay assistant directors \$500.00/per year. Dennis motioned to pay the assistant directors \$500.00 per year. Voted and carried.

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