

**Ypsilanti Community Band  
Board Meeting Minutes  
November 12, 2007**

<b>Board Present</b>	<b>Board Absent</b>
Carter Adler	Alan Aldworth
Meagan Bush	Jim Phillips
Rebecca Cheskidov	Sandy Wagner
Monica Chu	Jim Wagner
Jerry Robbins	Matt Miller
Nathan Sparks	John Reves
Aaron Taratsas	
Paul Vaughn	
Eric Walters	
Tom Warner	

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion/Decision</b>
Vote to approve October 2007 Meeting Minutes	<u>motion to approve, unanimous approval (8 votes)</u>
Extemporaneous election of Harold Goodsmas award	By email vote, Aaron Tratsas was voted as the first recipient of the Harold Goodman. Aaron received the award at the October 25 <sup>th</sup> concert.
Discuss/select replacement for Jim Philips who resigned from the board	Beth Askew and Don were mentioned at the last meeting. Walt Hancock is another option.
Consider joint concert with middle or high school band	Jerry's comments: Need to start setting up summer dates and locations for concerts. This leads into the academic year also. Needs to be planned in advanced and it's not too early to speak with and HS or MS band for a joint concert. This would be a PR, community service event. Jerry's idea is to have the two band play pieces together. In concept, do we (YCB board) have an interest in doing this? Rebecca thinks this would be more beneficial for a MS band. Private schools have weaker music programs so they might be interested and they would benefit. YCB board agrees that this is an idea to consider. Jerry will follow up with this and continue with some research.
Vote to approve/deny sale of donated dinner chimes to Bruce Loughry	All <u>approved</u> . \$60 will be paid by Bruce and YCB will receive that as a donation.
Harold Goodman award: discuss dues waiver	1) Are we doing a dues waiver? How long? Jerry handed out the award criteria for the HG and KB award. The length of dues waiver is currently blank. Jerry puts to the board to decide the length of waiver. Board votes to have period be 1 year long. Unanimous. Awardee should/will be listed on the website.

Committee updates

- a. Fundraising: committee is working on the tri-fold. 2 weeks behind schedule. 1000 copies will be made. committee will meet next Sunday. Mailing list is close to ready.
- b. Property: Aaron, looking at flatbed scanners for library purchase. Purchased two bass drum heads. Everything else is in working order. The UHaul place in Whitmore Lake only has a 14-foot truck. Aaron discussed issues with Uhaul rental and logistics of moving equipment to/from our concert sites. Paul V. says he knows the manager of A1 rental. He will look into that as an option.  
Website: reported ready to go.
- c. Membership: player recruitment is a current issue. Our numbers are down. A press release did go out to WL area. Angie Noble handed out a flyer to AA band and she also contacted an oboe instructor to get double reed names to contact. Rebecca thinks the drive to WL is too far and that's why our numbers have gone down. Long-term, we need to look to move back to Ypsilanti. Tom will talk to the band director of Willow Run and see what the options are there. How do we boost our membership? Poster public areas near WLHS. Jerry has done such a thing in the past and that was successful. The membership committee really needs to take hold of this. Recruit more members to the membership committee.
- d. Publicity: Carter is the new publicity chair. Issue with our programs...they were not of good quality. People who paid for ads were displeased. Meagan will talk to Carter about how to improve the program. Eric has input on how to deal with ads and how have the programs printed. Nathan and Mike have offered to print the program at Saline for low cost.  
Carter has begun contacting AA Observer and other local publications. Get links to advertisers to put on the website.
- e. Bowman scholarship: award committee has drafted a need-based scholarship for this award. Award should be on the website. Rebecca suggests asking Blue Lake what they do because they award need-based scholarships. Jerry asks that the board approves the concept of the needs-based application: Nathan motions to approve this. All approve. Who is this award open for: Washtenaw County. Committee will check about HS vs. MS fees. Paul V. agrees to follow up on this award. Rebecca will help with the PR for this award.
- f. Recording: Rebecca provided info on how

	<p>get permission to reproduce copyrighted. Meagan will follow up with the recording committee. Jerry spent time with the recording people. The recording guy will be ready to produce the recording soon and he will need numbers. Board recommends going ahead and ordering 100 CD copies. Meagan will work with the committee to decide if more needed.</p> <p>g. Money: questions arose about where we stand as far as available funds we have in the bank and what has been spent for each line item. Jim Philips has offered to continue to help with this effort. He has software that will be used to track this. Nathan will meet with Jim to update the budget information. John Reves and Paul V. should be privy to that info.</p>
ID instrument, non-instrument needs	see Property report above
Determine locations of future meetings	<p>December: Meagan  January: Jerry  February: Eric's business  March: Monica  April: Nathan  May: Eric</p>
Red Cedar Festival	Jerry polled the email list (150 people) and received 46 responses. 35 votes for 9am and 33 votes for 5:30pm. Jerry recommends we stay silent on the matter and hope that we still get invited. The low numbers are indicative of membership decrease.
Vote for ACB board members	As a member of Association of Concert Bands, YCB gets to vote for board members. YCB will vote for Nancy, Vince and Harvey.
Holiday Brass Quintet	Players have been selected and music has been ordered for the Dec. 2 performance at the Ypsilanti library.
Inclement weather policy	Paul V. will investigate this on the Whitmore Lake end. Details to follow.

Meagan announcement	December will be Meagan's last concert but she will stay on as president. The board will elect a president pro-tem to fill in on presidential tasks where needed. This will be an item for the December meeting
John Reves	John Reves personal schedule will prevent him from focusing on business manager related issues so Paul V. will pick up some business manager responsibilities and fill in where needed.

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