

**Ypsilanti Community Band
Board Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2007**

Board Present	Board Absent
Alan Aldworth	Joe Kastley
Meagan Bush	Sandy Wagner
Rebecca Cheskidov	Jim Wagner
Monica Chu	
Matt Miller	
Jim Phillips	
John Reves	
Jerry Robbins	
Nathan Sparks	
Aaron Taratsas	
Eric Walters	
Tom Warner	

Agenda Item	Discussion/Decision
Vote to approve July 2007 Meeting Minutes	<u>motion to approve, unanimous approval (9 votes)</u>
Decision for Fall rehearsal space	<p>Whitmore Lake High School (WL) vs. George School (GS): moving equipment in George is difficult but may be better site for library. GS is not AC'd. Accessibility wheelchair issues at GS. John R: Feels GS is not prepared to hold a concert band. Doorways need to be modified. GS is being prepared for start of school, not YCB. Recent discovery, on-site administrator is not so welcoming. Maybe just have occasional rehearsals or store the library there. Seems that the gym just may not be ready for a Sep 4 rehearsal.</p> <p>We'll lose four flute players due to geography if move to WL. 4 trumpet players voted for WL at the last rehearsal. Rebecca suggests having some kind of ensemble rehearse at GS to establish a presence there.</p> <p>Discussion: moving to WL may provide opportunity to increase footprint. Potential to increase the geographic area that donations come from. Paul: WL seems to have more government support for things like this including the board of Washtenaw county commissions. They would like a Washtenaw county band. Alan A: A Washtenaw Band would have a better chance of getting corporate sponsorship vs. Ypsi band.</p> <p>We don't want to write off GS. We should maintain some kind of presence there. There is nothing in writing, no kind of agreement with GS yet composed. There is a "rental" agreement with WL that simply needs to be signed.</p>

	<p>Jerry suggests having a very formal written agreement drawn up and spelled out with GS. Who do we spell the issues out with? The principal should probably be in on the deal. Copy in the other school officials that are supportive of YCB.</p> <p>John R. will contact Wayne Bodensadt at GS to start up discussions.</p> <p>Equipment will be moved to WL right after the Heritage Festival. The library is currently at Judy's house but Judy did not sign up for the library committee. Library needs to move to WL. The board agrees that Sandy (chair of library) needs to organize this move.</p> <p><u>Eric motions to accept offer from WL to rehearse for fall and continue to pursue offer with Ypsi and WISD schools and GS. Rebecca seconds. All approve (10 votes unanimous)</u></p> <p>Meagan will send an email to the band announcing the decision also bring a hard copy to next rehearsal. A press release should be placed in papers (it's free).</p>
Order More Folders?	yes, order more. library committee should handle this. John will coordinate with Sandy.
What to do with folders and music at end of summer season?	<p>keep folders (unless not returning and want to return the folder). hand in the music</p> <p>Section leaders should collect music or the principal and on down the line of chain of command. Music should be collected at their last concert or rehearsal. All possible music should be handed to sections leaders on Saturday. An email will be sent to the band and a verbal announcement will be made.</p> <p>Note: Sandy announced at Tuesday rehearsal that folders and music should be handed in to library representatives after the UA graduation or Heritage performance.</p>
Harold Goodsman	Harold has said that he will not be in YCB anymore for health/personal reasons. Harold turns 90 on Dec 4. There will be article in Oct issue of ACB publication. Can get resolutions from mayor, state senator, trustees of Ypsi and maybe governor. YCB should play something for him. Our Xmas concert is on Dec. 6. Agreed to recognize Harold at the Xmas concert in some fashion. perhaps cake a refreshments after the concert.
Fall Registration	Matt will talk to his committee about this. Does library member need to be present? Email form and ask people to fill it out ahead of time. Print out spreadsheet to check personal info or enter new member info in a laptop. Some holes in the info: occupation, number of yrs in ycb.

Recruiting new players	Include press release in WL area papers, AA, ypsi. Personnel committee's job. Community ed announcement. parents of current WL band member.
Identify instrument needs for 5 year period	Postponed
Identify non-instrument needs for 5 year period	Postponed
Library committee reviews activities	Postponed
President-appointed committee devises scheme to implement all parts of the vision statement concerning YCB web site by 2008	Committee appointed in July: Aaron Taratsas, Chair; Tom Warner, Eric Wlaters, Logan Walters, Jerry Robbins, Meagan Bush) Logan has a mock up of website. Work is ongoing
Publicity Chair	Meagan has not been successful finding a publicity chair. Spin off discussion about the structure of Ypsi band and board and committees started by Eric. Eric suggests that board should focus on reorganizing the structure. The board will consider this as a topic for another meeting. Eric has volunteered to be interim publicity chair.
Producing CD	Alan A will look into before next meeting
Sponsoring a Bowman Scholarship to Blue Lake	No one has volunteered to be on committee. Paul, jane and Sandy have verbalized an interest.
Sponsorships and publicity for Oct concert	Meagan will help. Eric is unavailable to help with this item.
Accept invitation to paly as part of WCC event in Sept	Meagan reports: limited information right now. Event for SE Michigan Boy and Girls club of America: Sep 29 th . Looking for group to play 45 min. Jim W. has offered to conduct. There is probably no monetary donation going to YCB. Suggestion to just volunteer small ensembles.

Accept invitation to join Clarkston Band in May 2008	Outdoor concert, Memorial day weekend. Well attended concert. YCB should make reciprocal invite for following year. <u>Rebecca motions to accept. Meagan seconded motioned. Unanimously approved (10 votes)</u>
Publicity committee 4 yr plan	postponed
Jerry to photograph bandstand in Dexter	Jerry to photograph the permanent bandstand donated by Lions Club in Dexter. Make pics available to YCB group that will attempt to get similar donation in Ypsi.: Jerry thinks this would be a great idea for YCB. Riverside arts center should be part of this. Meagan remembers that there might be a committee already set up for this or people who expressed interest to spearhead this. Jerry will take photos of outdoor bandshells in the area. Would have more success if structure would support more than one group.
Program Ad prices	Eric suggests \$400/full page (was \$200) to run the whole year. 1/8 page (Business card) is \$50. <u>Rebecca motioned to approve. Nathan seconded motion. Unanimously approved (10 votes)</u> . Jerry would like to give a few comp ads (e.g. twirlers).

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