

**Ypsilanti Community Band
Board Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2008**

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

Agenda Item	Discussion/Decision
Vote to approve January 2008 Meeting Minutes	<u>minutes approved</u>
Committee Updates	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Fundraising: Eric reports: Bowman mailing is being prepared and will go out tomorrow. (to 813 addresses). Committee wants equipment fund, pie sale, application for bulk mailing from post office. Paul checked and said the mailing application should be simple. Any returned mailing should go to Eric. 2) Membership: Matt: good roster. Sara is doing well with carpooling sign ups. Matt will set a meeting soon to discuss social events, etc. Matt will start organizing a nominating committee. 3) Publicity: Carter: not much to report. There was an error in Feb AA Observer. They will correct it on the website and increase the priority of the ad. They will rerun the ad in the March issue (corrected). Fliers for Feb 28th concert need to be created and printed. Program inserts are going to printer tomorrow morning. 4) Bowman Scholarship/Goodman award: Paul reports on board with Blue Lake. They will have a name/recipient for us before the end of April. No further action. 5) Library: Final cabinets have been moved to WLHS. Committee will have work party to take inventory 6) Treasurer: Jerry ID'd some minor discrepancies in the budget. Meagan would like to keep better track of donations. Meagan, Nathan, Eric and Matt should consolidate their records or devise a standard/streamlined way to maintain donation records and budget information. There is currently

	<p>\$6338.53 in the general fund. Budget/donations may need to be audited some time soon and Rebecca suggests that for large donations, there should be a second level of receipt. Carter mentions that the bylaws say nothing about reimbursements. There should be some statute of limitations on donations. Jerry brings the question of whether YCB paid for summer rehearsal at Lincoln. Meagan will email out Carter's proposal on auditing and reimbursements. An auditing committee will be formed before the end of the fiscal year.</p> <p>7) Secretary: no report 8) President: no report 9) Conductor: Jerry is working on music for summer and in to next fall. Ready to go to Red Cedar and for the Feb 28th concert. Clarkston concert is up in the air. Next season's programs will be heavy on new music acquisition and not so much "themed". October concert may be Jerry's 10th anniversary concert. Next January is YCBs 30th anniversary. Jerry has obtained Pease auditorium for free for December concert. We can book after the music department has submitted their schedules but Pease is available Dec. 11th 5pm and on. Tuesdays are not good for YCC conductor. YCC conductor would like the 18th. <u>Board is in favor of having the concert at Pease (none opposed).</u> Paul has already arranged for free parking. YCC would like to do joint publicity blitz. Dec. 18th seems to be the best date.</p> <p>10) Business Manager: Paul: next Tuesday Paul has lunch meeting with Frog Island planners. Jerry will join. To discuss potential concert series. AA Top of the Park director will be at the Feb. 28th concert to audition us for their concert series. They have our application and they need a CD (Alan Aldworth will supply that to Paul).</p> <p>11) Property: still need a scanner. still need to label equipment at the high school.</p>
Ypsilanti Chamber of Commerce	Decided to remain members of the Ypsi Chamber of Commerce. Meagan will forward Nathan the invoice. We will try to be more active in Chamber events in the future
Update on Band Shell/Frog Island/Riverside Parks	Tom gave update on Band Shell in Frog Island Park. He attended a meeting last Thursday, provided our testimony about a band shell. They are considering our ideas. There are three different options as far as the placement of the band shell. We're going to remain involved during the planning process. We don't know what the timetable is but there is probably a grant tied to this project. We should know more after meeting with them on Tuesday, February 12.

Review/vote on Budget Amendments	<u>Approved Budget Amendments</u>
Discuss meeting with and having guest conductor	Monica's previous community band conductor, Dr. Dale Skornia, in St. Louis was adept at obtaining local music "celebrities" to perform at their concerts yielding large audiences. Dale is now in Big Rapids, MI at Ferris State and has volunteered to guest conduct at a YCB concert. In conjunction, Jerry proposes that the board meet with him to discuss strategies to obtain local, notable musicians to perform with YCB. Monica will send Dale a follow up email to let him know the board is considering inviting him but will ask more detailed questions to see if he will be able to provide insight for obtaining guest performers.
February 28 th concert – what announcements and who will make them? Bowman scholarship? Concert sponsors? General Fund? Player Recruitment?	Bowman family needs to be contacted and notified about the concert. Eric will try to get hold of Mary Bowman this week. Eric suggests maybe asking Cheryl Waldenmyer (former student of Ken's). Meagan will try to send her an email. Jim McGraw was mentioned as knowing Ken very well. Tom Warner will be the back up if Jim says no. Perhaps Wayne Janke and Lorne Kennedy. Paul will speak with those mentioned to see if they would like to say a few words about Ken. Eric will say something about fundraising just before intermission. Rebecca suggests projecting a picture of Ken on a screen. Paul will call Mary Bowman to discuss the concert and ask for photos and other items/issues that she would be comfortable with. There are no sponsors yet for this concert.
Vote to approve revised vision statement	<u>Approved revised Vision Statement</u>
Vote to approve WLHS join concert on 4/10/08	<u>Approved</u>
Vote to approve tentative concert schedule	tabled approving other outstanding summer concerts until we meet with the Deopt Town group to see what their expectations are of us in the summer
Miscellaneous – obtaining volunteer help	Rebecca: Contact national honor societies of local high schools because they need service hours. Get them to help with equipment moving tasks and other band tasks. Youth Empowerment may also be an organization to tap. Meagan will follow up with contacting them.

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