



The regular monthly meeting of the Kalamazoo Concert Band was held on Monday, October 30, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. at Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency's (KRESA) building and virtually, the President being in the chair and the Secretary being present.

Present (at KRESA): J. Rojeski, M. Bass, S. Manders (Ex-Officio)

Present (Virtual): S. Wolfenbarger, M. McMinn, M. Andres, B. Van Toll, L. Ellis, T. Evans (Ex-Officio), B. Shetterly (Ex-Officio)

Absent: N. Iavagnilio, M. Momotiuk, C. Lieurance

The meeting was called to order at 7:33pm

1. Meeting Agenda Additions and/or Revisions

1.1 There were no additions or revisions to the meeting agenda

2. Secretary Report

2.1 The September meeting minutes were not submitted to the Board for review and approval

3. Treasurer Report

3.1 The financial reports were received late in the day by the Treasurer; nothing to report at this time

4. Grants

4.1 J. Rojeski and S. Manders applied to Adams Advertising to do a sponsorship program. Adams requested \$1,100 per month with a 12-month commitment; an application was submitted, and an interview was conducted, and the KCB did not receive the program. Adams Advertising asked the KCB to apply again in one year.

4.2 J. Rojeski applied for a \$7,000 grant with the Upjohn Foundation in order to do advertising; the KCB received an award of \$4,000. These monies are earmarked for publicity and diversity, and the Board will decide at a later date on how to allocate the money.

4.3 The Board has not applied for a grant from the Council for the Arts as of yet but will do so in the future.

4.4 J. Rojeski would like to obtain one more grant. A grant application window with the Stryker Foundation is approaching in January 2024. Jim is considering various ideas for publicity and diversity to use within the application process

5. Small Groups Report

5.1 The Brass Quintet will be performing at Cedar Creek once again; all of the small groups may be able to perform there.

5.2 M. McMinn stated that he has not had much personal time to book any future performances, however there are a number of opportunities available

5.3 J. Rojeski stated that he will contact Friendship Village about doing future performances at their location; S. Manders stated that the KCB received a check for \$500 for a performance at Story Point

5.4 B. Shetterly stated that the MSBOA District 11 has requested the Trombone Quartet to perform on November 7th in Plainwell; the performance will be shared with the Sax Quartet and the two ensembles will split the 40-minute performance. The original agreement for the performance was \$200, however there may be additional money to be received by the groups.

6. Business Manager Report

6.1 There is a lot going on with the small groups and information (contact, performance dates, etc.) still need to be added to the KCB website

6.2 S. Manders has requested that band members have the correct information when promoting concerts on social media platforms such as Facebook. This will help ensure information is distributed accurately as to not create more work for the Business Manager

6.3 As of the October meeting date, 1,500 tickets have been reserved for the December 2023 concert, with all seats in the Grand Tier of Miller Auditorium still available

6.4 The Brass Quintet has been asked to perform at the Tree Lighting Ceremony in downtown Kalamazoo, on November 24th.

6.5 The idea of having members march in the 2023 Kalamazoo Holiday Parade on November 18th was brought to the table again. B. Shetterly suggested placing the Brass Quintet on a flatbed trailer and performing holiday music during the parade. M. McMinn will research the cost and availability of a flatbed trailer. Approximately eight to ten band members could walk with the trailer and hand out flyers for the 2023 Holiday Concert

7. Conductor Report

7.1 October 2023 Concert

7.1.1 Congratulations to all for a truly wonderful performance. There were so many positive comments made to Tom and to band members.

7.1.2 Piano malfunction was unfortunate but couldn't be helped – Tom was told by the stage crew. Tom has asked Taylor from the Kalamazoo Children's Chorus to provide a recording of that tune from her recent concert to replace the ill-fated performance at our concert

7.1.3 Had a wonderful pre-concert promotional interview with Cara Lieurance on Classical WMUK

7.1.4 T. Evans would prefer to have the marketing committee run things by him before they release PR material. We did not include any mention that this concert was celebrating 100 years of Disney in the poster/flyer

7.2 December 2023 Concert

7.2.1 T. Evans has presented Max Brown with the conductor scores to consider but has had no response. Tom has asked The War & Treaty to reconsider including "You Raise Me Up" as an additional KCB accompanied work. Consequently, the 1st half of the program remains in flux

7.2.3 Brian has agreed to cover the Nov. 2nd rehearsal so Tom can attend an Alpha Lambda Delta dinner that honors his contributions and encouragement to a student. (Alpha Lambda Delta is a national honor society that recognizes academic excellence in the first year at a college or university)

7.3 February 2024 Concert

7.3.1 Tom has contacted Andy Mozina (author and K College professor) to read at this concert along with Arnie Johnston and Deb Percy. Waiting for a response

7.3.2 Need Bonnie Jo Campbells address so Tom can invite her to read as well

7.4 April 2024 Concert

7.4.1 Tom met with Paul Pancella, physics professor at WMU, during our last concert's intermission to discuss when we can meet at length. Several possible meeting times in late November and early December were discussed. Will follow up

8. Assistant Conductor Report

8.1 Brian is preparing the Youth Soloist Competition packets and making them ready for mailing

8.2 Brian also felt the October concert was outstanding; felt the band sounded great and sent his "kudos" to Tom for programming a great show. B. Shetterly heard a lot of positive comments from audience members

8.3 Brian suggested contacting the organizers of the Kalamazoo Holiday Parade as soon as possible to inform them the KCB is interested in participating, and that there is space available within the parade

9. Promotion Committee

9.1 The committee is willing to work with the Board to promote upcoming events

9.2 The committee is still seeking a core group of people to reach out to the community

10. Holiday Concert 2023

10.1 See Business Manager Report for details on current ticketing status

11. Holiday Concert 2024

11.1 J. Rojeski is accepting suggestions for potential guest artists for this concert. He will contact various agents as needed

12. Fundraising

12.1 Nothing to report at this time

13. Trademark Application

13.1 As of this date, J. Rojeski has not received any updates on the status of the application that was submitted

14. Adjournment

14.1 The meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday November 20, 2023, to be held via virtual meeting.

Michael Andres

Board Secretary

Submitted, 1 November 2023