



The regular monthly meeting of the Kalamazoo Concert Band was held on Monday, September 23, 2024, 7:00 p.m. at the Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency's (KRESA) building. Virtual option was provided via WebEx. The meeting began with the President in the chair and the Secretary present.

Present In-Person: Nick Iavagnilio, Jim Rojas, Mike McMinn, Josiah Solis, Larry Ellis, Tom Evans (ex-officio), Mike Grear, Robin Dudd, Shirley Manders, Brian Shetterly (ex-officio), Sara Dawson

Absent: Dave Groendyk

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm

1. Secretary
 - a. Nick moved to accept Bryan seconded.
2. President:
 - a. Due to Thanksgiving, the next meeting will be on Nov 18. This will be the last meeting of the year.
 - b. WebEx vs other platforms. We will try Zoom.
 - c. Mailchimp is fairly straightforward to use as a communication tool; the roster can live in Google Drive. As a resource, it's good to be familiarized with.
3. Treasurer:
 - a. Financial statements sent out—we saved about \$4,100 by performing at Comstock versus Chenery.
 - b. Not all dues are paid. Announcements will go out in rehearsal.
 - c. New people were at Comstock.
4. Finance Committee:
 - a. Jim and Mike Grear met and have a list of questions for the board to consider. The hypotheticals—would we do with more funding.
 - i. Algorithm-based marketing.
 - b. Chair and Conductor Sponsorship: Reviewing the sponsorship list. Can the board get someone to sponsor a student from WMU to join the band. Jim and Mike Grear will meet with Scott Boerma about how to deepen connections with WMU.
 - c. The Brass Band of Battle Creek is unwilling to play a Saturday concert, but they could do a Sunday afternoon. Could we get soloists from the band to
 - d. Sara notes that the donors like afternoon concerts. Families like the earlier concerts as well.
 - e. The board liked the idea of making the October concert an experimental concert that can go to different locations.
5. Promotion Committee:
 - a. Still looking for a liason.
 - b. Adams - billboards. One down by 131 and one by Wings stadium. We will have it for 4 weeks. Requesting approval from board 2k ish dollars to buy the upcoming concert's advertisement. L. Ellis moved to approve. Bryan seconded.
6. Brass:
 - a. Played last week at brunch, Thunderbird by the river. They're making it monthly. Set to play in the holiday parade. Lots of upcoming performances.

7. Trombones
 - a. Did a pre-concert performance and played with the Three Rivers German Band last Wednesday.
8. Saxophones
 - a. Two holiday gigs—bigford? Thursday Dec 12, Storypoint Dec 14th.
9. Woodwinds
 - a. November 22 StoryPoint Happy Hour – KCB
 - b. November 23 Friendship Village
10. Business Manager (S. Manders)
 - a. Tabling at the holiday concert grand level.
 - b. We have KCB tablecloths now.
 - c. K Christian will close doors June 9 to July 26 for plumbing. Planning ahead of time is critical to compensating for the time.
 - d. Nobody donated by the QR code at the concert.
 - e. Joan VanSickler is redoing the T-shirt and merch shop online.
 - f. The Winter 2025 KCB concert: first weekend of December. Who to bring in for guest artists?
 - i. Saturday 7:00 is a better idea.
 - g. Seating 1350 are the seats that we will try to fill at Miller.
11. Musical Director (T. Evans)
 - a. Great concert; the staff at the venue were very easy to work with. The lighting was the biggest gripe. The sound seemed better on the day of.
 - b. Scott Boerma thought the band sounded very good.
 - c. A few of the pieces were extremely mundane.
 - d. Challenges with the guest artists and scheduling between them.
 - e. Continuing the composer conducting the band.
 - f. Recording of the concert? Thumb drives.
12. Assistant Director (B. Shetterly)
 - a. Concert was great.
 - b. The KCB Youth Soloist Competition is ready to go and the information is ready to go out.
13. Comstock Review of Concert:
 - a. Concert parking was very good.
 - b. Directions were
14. Connections at Bells:
 - a. J. Solis suggested an outdoor concert at Bells. Small group recital would be fun.
 - b. A portion of the drinks would go to the band.

Nick moved to adjourn, Bryan seconded

Meeting Adjourned at 8:29pm

[Next Board Meeting: **November 18, 2024** on WebEx]

Robin Dudd
Board Secretary
Monday 28th, 2024