



The regular monthly meeting of the Kalamazoo Concert Band was held on Monday, June 19, 2023, at 7:30 P.M., at Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency's (KRESA) building, the President being in the chair and the Secretary being present.

Present: James Rojascki (President), Steve Wolfenbarger (Vice President), Michael Andres (Secretary), Mark Bass, Larry Ellis, Nick I., Michele M., Bryan VanToll, Shirley Manders (Ex-officio), Brian Shetterly, (Ex-officio)

Absent: Michael McMinn (Treasurer), Cara Lieurance, Tom Evans (Ex-officio)

The meeting was called to order at 19:31

#### 1. Meeting Agenda Additions and/or Revisions

1.1 None

#### 2. Secretary Report

2.1 Larry Ellis moved to accept the minutes as presented; Bryan VanToll seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

#### 3. Treasurer Report (via James Rojascki & Shirley Manders)

3.1 The bill for the April 2023 concert has been received from Chenery Auditorium

3.2 Overall, organizational expenses were \$12,000 over income; there was no income during the May 2023 time period.

3.3 James Rojascki continues to work on potential grants, but still seeks suggestions on solutions to erase debt. A fundraising committee is in the works to address this issue.

3.4 There was no official Treasurer report as the Treasurer was absent, and financial statements were not provided for review and approval.

#### 4. Grants Report

4.1 James Rojascki has reached out to the Kalamazoo Gospel Center, a meeting between the two sides is scheduled for late July 2023.

4.2 James Rojascki is continuing to work on an outreach plan with Stryker Corporation

#### 5. Small Groups Report

5.1 The KCB Brass performed for the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts however, concerns were raised with issues regarding promotion, support, and payment to the KCB Brass. The ensemble received a check in

the amount of \$100.00 for their services. James Rojascki has reached out to the director of the KIA in order to proceed in a more desirable manner.

5.2 The Trombone Ensemble has performances planned for the Three Rivers Rotary forthcoming

## 6. Business Manager Report

6.1 To date, Shirley Manders has received two hundred ticket requests for the December 2023 concert, with each request seeking four (4) tickets

6.2 The organization received \$15,000 in donations for the month of June 2023. More people are donating post-pandemic

6.3 Shirley would like to know if the organization is reaching the band members who are currently not donators

6.4 There is a positive vibe with donors and the upcoming 2023-2024 concert season

## 7. Conductor Report

7.1 No report provided

## 8. Assistant Conductor Report

8.1 Bronson Park concert went well, Brian received numerous positive reviews

8.2 One or two numbers will be added for the Parchment concert program – concert should last approximately 1 hour 15 minutes

## 9. Promotions Committee Report

9.1 The committee continues to meet and is expected to present something in writing to the Board within the next few months

## 10. Future Concerts Report

### 10.1 December 2023 Concert

10.1.1 James Rojascki reached out to the music arrangers to help speed up the process

10.1.2 More publicity is needed for the concert

### 10.2 October 2023 Concert

10.2.1 James Rojascki would like to reach out to area schools for the Disney concert

### 10.3 December 2024 Concert

10.3.1 Guest artist ideas are still needed for this concert. James Rojascki has received suggestions from Mike & Kathy McMinn; the Brass Band of Battle Creek was also suggested, however, a concern lies within the cost of this ensemble

10.3.2 The Board would like to entertain the idea of an ‘emerging artist’, but not necessarily from the Kalamazoo area. James Rojascki would like to have some solid ideas at the September 2023 Board Meeting.

### 10.4 April 2024 Concert

10.4.1 James Rojascki suggested having a reception to be held post-concert, for the directors of the Youth Soloist auditionees.

#### 10.5 Miscellaneous Concert Ideas

10.5.1 Michele Momotiuk was suggested to use high school students who arrange or compose music to perform their pieces in future concert cycles

10.5.2 James Rojascki would like to get more high school directors and students involved in future concerts

#### 11. KCB Library Location

11.1 Shirley Manders has been in contact with Kalamazoo Christian High School and will meet with school officials at a later date to discuss options, and determine specific location(s) for the library

#### 12. Communications

12.1 Donor cards will be mailed out soon

#### 13. KCB Website

13.1 Michele Momotiuk spoke with Celine Keizer to learn about when information is posted to and pulled from the website

#### 14. Miscellaneous

14.1 Michele Momotiuk would like the Board to recognize Christine Griffith for the hard work she has done in locating, scanning, and digitizing KCB programs from the last 60+ years

14.2 James Rojascki would like to hold a Board/Band Member picnic in the fall; possible locations include Parkview Hills or a county park.

14.3 James Rojascki resubmitted the application for the KCB trademark

14.4 Shirley Manders will be placing a shirt/hat order within the week; product will be available at the July 13<sup>th</sup> rehearsal

14.5 Brian Shetterly has an interview scheduled with Cara Lieurance on July 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am to promote the Parchment concert

14.6 Michael Andres suggested a collaboration with the Air Zoo in May 2024 to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary opening of the "Air Zoo" (previously known at the Kalamazoo Aviation History Museum), as the KCB performed at the opening of the building in 2004. Could tie into the theme of the April 2024 concert. Michael will reach out to the Air Zoo.

Meeting adjourned: 21:32

*The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 21, 2023, at KRESA.*

*Michael Andres*  
Board Secretary  
Submitted, 20 June 2023