



The regular monthly meeting of the Kalamazoo Concert Band was held on Monday, 21 August 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: J. Rojeski, S. Wolfenbarger, M. McMinn, M. Andres, M. Bass, N. Iavagnilio,

M. Momotiuk, L. Ellis, C. Lieurance, S. Manders (Ex-Officio)

Absent: B. VanToll, T. Evans (Ex-Officio), B. Shetterly (Ex-Officio)

The meeting was called to order at 7:34pm

1. Meeting Agenda Additions and/or Revisions

1.1 J. Rojeski added "Recognitions" to the agenda

2. Secretary Report

2.1 L. Ellis moved to accept the June 2023 meeting minutes as submitted, M. Bass seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Treasurer Report

3.1 M. McMinn reported that the organization is under budget however, more funds are still needed for future operations

4. Grants Report

4.1 J. Rojeski reported that the Stryker and Upjohn grants are due by the end of September 2023.

4.2 J. Rojeski remains focused on creating diversity of age and culture within the band and amongst audience members. Additional community outreach to diverse communities is still needed. In addition, he has reached out to the Center for Black Culture.

5. Small Groups Report

5.1 M. McMinn reported the Brass Quintet performed at a memorial on Saturday, 19 August, and the family donated \$1,000 to the KCB.

5.2 The Brass Quintet is still performing on the Stuart neighborhood porch, and currently has a performance schedule for the weekend before the October 21st concert.

5.3 J. Rojeski suggested creating a brand poster for the Brass Quintet for promotional purposes.

6. Business Manager Report

6.1 S. Manders had a very positive meeting with staff members from Chenery Auditorium.

6.2 Registration and dues for the 2023-2024 concert season were paid by most of the membership. It was reported that some members had issues with the payment system.

6.3 The Kindleberger Concert held on 17 July 2023 was a huge success. The staff was extremely professional, and the sound system was 100% better than Bronson Park. Several band members noted the acoustics were wonderful, and it is estimated that 400 – 500 guests were in attendance.

6.4 December 2023 Concert

6.4.1 The War and Treaty changed agents; a new picture of the duo will be needed for the KCB poster.

6.4.2 S. Manders is in the process of getting rooms booked with the Radisson Hotel

6.4.3 S. Manders is working on giveaways for the concert, and potentially the October 2023 concert as well

6.4.4 A very positive meeting was held with the staff at Miller Auditorium, and the facility is excited to have The War and Treaty perform in their venue. Shirley had turned ticket requests into Miller staff.

6.5 S. Maners met with Amy from KRESA; Amy is working on posters and flyers for the October 2023 concert. Celine Keizer is still doing the proofing for the band; C. Lieurance offered to proofread as well, if needed

6.6 It was reported that the KCB music library has been moved to the Kalamazoo Christian High School band room

7. Conductor's Report

7.1 October 2023 Concert

7.1.1 T. Evans had a meeting with Taylor Gudbrandson (Kalamazoo Children's Chorus), S. Manders, and Susan Carter on July 13th to solidify some key points from the May 2023 meeting, including: programming, which tunes would require the arranging expertise of Terry Lower. Since then, Terry has finished one piece, with the second near completion

7.1.2 The *Mickey Mouse March* will be used for the Kalamazoo Children's Chorus first entrance

7.1.3 Marketing: The PR/Marketing Committee is committed to filling the house for each concert

7.1.4 Movement and Placement: There is a concern for potential problems with the KCC, due to the small space of Chenery Auditorium

7.1.5 *You've Got A Friend (In Me)* has been dropped from the program as the rhythms may prove to be too challenging for the soloist

7.2 December 2023 Concert

7.2.1 T. Evans has reviewed one of the pieces that Terry Lower is arranging

7.3 February 2024 Concert

7.3.1 T. Evans is still hoping to have a local writer or two to serve as a guest artist. Given the openness of the theme, any guest associated with creativity and imagination would work (e.g. visual artists, graphic artists, photographers, architects, game designers, screenwriters, etc.) Suggestions are welcomed

7.4 April 2024 Concert

7.4.1 Mike McMinn has placed T. Evans in touch with Paul Bancellia, a WMU physicist. Paul is very interested in serving as our astrophysicist guide for the travels across the universe. Mike and Tom will meet to work out more of the details in late September

7.5 Miscellaneous

7.5.1 Tom sent the KCB membership his annual “Welcome Back” letter, which included rehearsal/concert schedule, season PR teasers, and the October concert program with audio links

7.5.2 Tom assisted with the move of the KCB library cabinets from Kalamazoo College to Kalamazoo Christian High School

7.5.3 Concert promotion interviews for the upcoming season still need to be scheduled with Cara Lieurance

8. Assistant Conductor’s Report

8.1 B. Shetterly felt the Parchment summer concert was outstanding, with a beautiful venue and great weather. Brian also felt the crowd was wonderful, and is hopeful that the KCB will be invited to return in 2024.

9. ProMotion Committee Report

9.1 C. Lieurance suggested creating a poster with partially drawn Disney characters for children to utilize. There is the potential for usage issues with the images, could possibly use images such as castles or generic princesses instead

9.2 The committee would like to create a press release form that can be used every concert cycle

9.3 For the October concert, the committee would like to start a sponsorship program with area businesses, to use as a projection and an insert in the concert programs. A motion was made by M. Bass to allow the committee to pursue business sponsorships; M. McMinn seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously

10. Committees

10.1 J. Rojeski would still like to create a fundraising committee; the committee would need a Board member to act as a liaison. Jim has some community members in mind who are interested in serving on the committee; S. Manders stated that she is also interested in serving on the committee

11. December 2023 Concert

11.1 The War and Treaty are excited to be performing with the KCB. Musical arrangements are coming along

12. Communication

12.1 Membership registration for the season is incomplete; some members mailed their form into the registration team; almost the entire band is coming back for the season

12.2 M. Bass reported that the percussion section membership numbers will fluctuate as usual however, the number of percussionists should be higher this year than in past years

12.3 More date space is needed for the KCB website, and improving the members’ area is desired. There also may be a separate page within the website for Board Members. KCB members may also have individual usernames and passwords, instead of using one generic password to access the members’ section of the site

13. Fall Picnic

13.1 J. Rojeski is still planning on holding a Fall Picnic at the Parkview Hills Clubhouse. The picnic may occur on a weekend night in September

14. Helen J. Fox Center

14.1 J. Rojeski is in the process of meeting with the Gospel Music Center

15. Adjournment

15.1 L. Ellis made a motion to adjourn the meeting; M. McMinn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 25, 2023, at KRESA..

Michael Andres
Board Secretary
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