



The regular monthly meeting of the Kalamazoo Concert Band was held on Monday, August 26, 2024, 7:00 p.m. at the Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency's (KRESA) building. Virtual option was provided, however none were in attendance via WebEx. The meeting began with the President in the chair and the Secretary present.

Present In-Person: Nick Iavagnilio, Jim Rojas, Michael Andres, Larry Ellis, Josiah Solis, Mike Grear, Robin Dudd, Dave Gronedyk, Shirley Manders, Tom Evans (Ex-Officio), Brian Shetterly (Ex-Officio)

Absent: Mike McMinn, Bryan VanToll

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm

## 1. Officer Reports

### a. Secretary

- i. Minor adjustments requested for the June board meeting minutes; N. Iavagnilio moved to accept the minutes with the revisions—the motion was seconded by L. Ellis.

### b. President

- i. N. Iavagnilio moved to accept Michele's resignation. Seconded by J. Rojas. Motion passed.
- ii. N. Iavagnilio gave a quick summary of the (informal) strategic meeting held on August 18, 2024—all future references to "the strategic meeting" refer to this meeting. He plans to send out notes on the meeting to the board with the intention of reporting back to the band.
  1. J. Solis asked about the status of Michele's former position on the board. Joan VanSickler has been hired. L. Ellis stated he'd handle membership. The promotion committee will start working on social media.
- iii. N. Iavagnilio posed the following questions to the board: what is the board's preference in communication? How to streamline communication? Joan suggested the need for there to be an established space where documentation and communication can live (internet/cloud).

### c. Treasurer Report

- i. \$18,000 has been raised for the first 3 months of the fiscal year. All bills have been paid. J. Solis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## 2. Committees

### a. Finance Committee:

- i. D. Gronedyk and J. Rojas will be meeting with Rotary in Portage.
- ii. The board is looking for sponsors in Comstock.
- iii. For the website, the landing page and "first click" are the priorities. The site is a work in progress.

### b. Promotion Committee:

- i. Susan Carter made ticket request forms and donor brochures for the KCB season.
- ii. Rebranding was a big discussion at the strategic meeting: how to present the KCB to the community? The board discussed what it means to "rebrand." J. Rojas noted that the rebranding should be an officiated, board-led decision.

- c. Business Manager Report (Shirley)
  - i. S. Manders noted in her report that Julie Heasley will no longer schedule concerts in Kindleberger Park. Julie's replacement plans to continue hosting the KCB there for the summer concert.
  - ii. S. Manders stated that band members must order Christmas concert tickets that are *needed* and not . Accountability with tickets.
3. Conductor's Report:
  - a. A "Welcome Back" letter was sent out to KCB members in mid-August that outlined the season, included audio links, scheduling, and addressed the full-band meeting concerns.
  - b. T. Evans opened discussion for concert recordings, suggesting Doug Decker, who can do both CD and mp3. This prompted a board discussion for recording access. B. Shetterly suggested a protected page on the site that's paywall.
  - c. There had been confusion between Comstock Auditorium and Comstock Theatre—the correct location is Comstock *Auditorium*.
  - d. "The Great American Songbook" (planned concert title): T. Evans has been in communication with Ben Gulley, a local opera singer, and hopes to find opportunities to perform with him.
  - e. Scott Boerma needs a contract for \$500. J. Rojeski moved to extend a contract. Seconded by L. Ellis. Motion passed.
  - f. Mark Bass had a bad stroke. A card will be purchased by S. Manders and sent around the band during rehearsal.
4. Assistant Conductor:
  - a. Parchment went very well.
  - b. The concept of doing four summer concerts in the KCB summer series was suggested to the board, which would mean doubling up on a weekend. Vicksburg, an old site, and Marshall are two potential locations for concerts.
5. Other topics:
  - a. Band social at Parkview Hills: Sept 21. J. Rojeski suggested the 22nd as another potential date.
6. L. Ellis moved to adjourn from regular business. N. Iavagnilio seconded. End of regular business: 8:09pm.

*The Board entered a closed session at 8:14pm.*

7. **Closed session** brief overview:
  - a. Discussed open board positions.
  - b. N. Iavagnilio moved to adjourn the board meeting. R. Dudd seconded.

*Meeting Adjourned at 8:26pm.*

[Next Board Meeting: **September 23, 2024** at KRESA]

*Robin Dudd*  
Board Secretary  
September 11th, 2024