

Montrose Community Band

December 15th, 2006 Minutes

Those in attendance were Herb Probasco, Jim Gibson, Donald Ludlow, Yvonne McChesney, and Joe Reitz. Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

Minutes

The November minutes were read individually prior to the meeting and corrected.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Gibson

- Previous Balance (Nov.)- \$4,946.55
- Deposits for Dec. - \$ 636.07 as of the 15th
 - \$ 125.00 - Main in Motion for December 2nd
 - \$ 161.07 - Christmas Concert donations
 - \$ 50.00 - private donation for 2007
 - \$ 300.00 – Gary and Kari Hepner of Coldwell Banker Bailey & Co.'s sponsorship of the Christmas concert
- Expenses for December - \$ 235.80
 - \$ 8.59 - Office Depot for hanging folders
 - \$ 25.00 - Daveto's Restaurant for Sondra Webb musician of the quarter
 - \$ 102.21 - Christmas decorations
 - \$ 100.00 - Andy King stipend
- Balance as of 15 December, 2006 - \$5,346.82
- Donations from the Christmas Concert were only \$161.07, Joe Reitz attended and thought that the donation table wasn't as visible, maybe people didn't care for the jars, or they preferred the anonymity of the cans.
- The Pavilion provided the refreshments at no additional charge which was unexpected.
- Total concert donations for 2006 is \$1,221.27, down from 2005 of \$1,503.
- We did get another \$300 from Coldwell Banker's Dennis Bailey which is much appreciated.
- The 2007 Budget is completed and attached.

Committee Reports

Fundraising

Herb Probasco relayed the following information:

- Supporting Members Drive. The first year, 2004, the pamphlet was sent to some of the Chamber list and some of the Montrose Arts Council. In 2005 renewal requests were mailed and the pamphlet was put in the Christmas

program. It was put in the Christmas program again this year.

- Columbine Copy Center donates the printing for the pamphlets.

Publicity

Herb Probasco relayed the following information

- Kari Hepner did make the posters and printed them off twice due to demand.
- KVID Classical Radio was not notified.
- KUBC-we were on and Lyle was on the air.
- Herb sends out a public service announcement for every concert.
- We were on the front page of the Scene Magazine.

Uniforms

Yvonne McChesney

- Andy King has Matt's uniform, she needed it for Andy Kerley but he was able to wear Dennis' coat although it was a bit big. She'll need to order one for him next time.
- Doug Reed still has a uniform and would like to come back.

Website

Yvonne McChesney

- Statistics:
 - November Visits were 679, down about 100 from October (781), we are declining possibly due to the end of tourist season.
- Hits are from Google, Yahoo, MSN, MVCB, and still 2 from rockmuzic.com.
- Search strings of note –
 - #1 38 for Puritan Pants,
 - #2 11 for Montrose Band
- Most interesting search: "compensation of band members."

Membership

Donald Ludlow

- Doug Reed may return, Liz Blackburn may return for the 4th of July concert

Librarian

Joe Reitz

- A full time Librarian should be obtained and compensated for their work. Sondra, who filled in for Joe, said she was not able to practice as much as she would like because of the work involved. It is something the board will need to consider. Joe will not be able to continue past the spring concert.
- Jim Gibson asked where the Sax Quartet music should be kept and Joe told him the bottom drawer of the smaller.

Music Director

Andy King

- Andy brought the conductor's score for "Finale Symphony No. 5" by to be played jointly with the Delta Wind Ensemble.
- Andy's thoughts on the spring concert were to have the Ensemble play their selections, a break, and then we perform, and then we will perform the Finale together.
- Andy has found the "Black Canyon Suite" in the Delta library, playing that is an option as well.
- Andy suggested that his Dad Emcee the Spring Concert since Andy's brother Toby may be directing the Delta Wind Ensemble.

Old Business

- Herb reports that the Hurricane Relief money still has not been distributed and Lyle hasn't been able to get a hold of the group we wanted to donate it to. Herb still has the list of the other schools and groups that had requested help, we should select one of those. No decision was made.

New Business

- Donald commented that Tina's Dad's trailer was great for transporting the percussion equipment. Its only drawback was that it is open but they had brought tarps.
- Tina has stepped into the role of equipment manager but maybe we need to recruit one to formally be in charge.

- Herb commented that the retreat was a failure because of the poor attendance; we need to find a better way to get the band's thoughts on matters. The board is reluctant to take rehearsal time to discuss things but it was decided that we would ask people to arrive 15 minutes earlier on January 22nd.
- Joe commented that it seems that we are having too many stragglers to band, if people knew that downbeat was 7 pm they would be on time. Yvonne said that being a little late is possibly more of an unconscious decision because we haven't been starting at 7 pm regardless of who is or is not there.
- Joe also suggested that we need to pay more attention to tuning, it was evident in places in the concert.
- Joe said that the concert was very well received. Having the program broken up with the Sax Ensemble and refreshments and the antiphonal group was great and very well received by the audience. The announcer was great as well. Yvonne asked Joe what his thoughts were on "The Nutcracker Suite" and he said it was the weakest part of the performance but wasn't too bad. Yvonne thought that the band wasn't as confident in playing it as other songs, still most of the piece is in piano, at least for the saxophones.
- Herb brought up the fact that we need to schedule the Annual Meeting. The meeting we had on a Saturday Morning at City Hall was good so the board decided to do it again. The 2007 Annual Meeting will be held January 19th in the morning; the time will be announced.
- Yvonne brought up membership in the Montrose Chamber of Commerce for the benefit of contacting people who have requested relocation information for new recruits and enhancing the awareness of the band as well as having access to their bulk mailing and getting listed in the print and online directory. Herb commented that their bulk mailing service was cheaper than the one they have used in the past.