

Montrose Community Band

September 21st, 2007 Minutes

Those in attendance were Lyle Miller, Herb Probasco, Jim Gibson, Sondra Webb and Yvonne McChesney. Meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm.

Minutes

The August minutes were read individually, corrected and accepted.

Treasurer's Report for August

Jim Gibson

- Beginning Balance August 1 - \$4,952.92
- Deposits for July - \$ 857.50
 - \$500.00 – Wal-Mart matching donations for 4th concert
 - \$ 357.50 – TriState G&T Employee's Club sponsorship Fall Concert
- Expenses for August - \$ 414.99
 - \$ 40.00 – Annual PO Box rental
 - \$ 140.00 – Band Director travel expense
 - \$ 209.99 – Filing cabinet for sheet music
 - \$ 25.00 – ASAP Signs, banner date change
- Ending Balance August - \$ 5,395.43
- Herb attended the presentation of the check to the band on Aug 24th.

Committee Reports

Fundraising

Herb Probasco:

- Wal-Mart has cut back their donations per group to a maximum of \$500, they match up to \$500 now.
- TriState is a faithful sponsor.

Publicity

Herb Probasco

- We are in the Scene magazine on page 2, the radio stations have been notified, the banner is ready to go up
- Tina has shown Herb the Newcomers packet and at some point, he would like to prepare an inexpensive insert for the newcomers packet that would promote the band.

Uniforms

Yvonne McChesney

- There are still many comments about the women wearing pants and some would rather wear skirts. Lyle gave Yvonne the go ahead to poll the ladies for their opinions and get skirt prices.

Website

Yvonne McChesney

- August visits were 1407, July 1336, June visits were 1337, steady visits are good.
- Most visits coming from Google (81), Yahoo (28), MSN (11) new is the Community Band and Orchestra page boerger.org with 8 referrals. Yvonne had sent the request for inclusion on 1/16/06. The Chamber has also given us a referral from their Many Ways to Play page.

Membership

Donald Ludlow

- No report, Donald not present.

Librarian

Sondra Webb

- Sondra asked if the music was ordered for the Christmas concert, it has been she will be getting in time to copy it.

Music Selection Committee

John House

- Not present but sent a note. "The committee met on September 1st at the home of Dr. Linda Noblett. John House, Dr. Linda Noblett, and Andy King were in attendance. The committee reviewed a list of Christmas music prepared by John House and picked twelve numbers around

the theme of “Christmas Around the World.” Andy will give the listing to Sondra so the music can be ordered and received before the first rehearsal for the Christmas concert. After playing through the pieces, we may decide that one or more are not suitable and make substitutions at that time.”

Music Director

Andy King

- No report, not present.

Old Business

- The piccolo should be ready.
- Regarding the savings account, we have not heard from Andy’s dad. Jim Gibson suggested buying gold or silver bullion. A broker is available in town, the broker can keep it or it can be kept in a safe. Herb asked it the price of Gold and Silver loses value, Jim said that it has, it lost considerable value in the 1980’s but has returned and is increasing in value..
- Regarding meeting at Lyle’s, we should in October, the church is busy. Herb suggested that we don’t meet since there are several events on that people will be attending and he doesn’t see a need. Any business can be handled by e-mail or short meetings at rehearsal. Herb made the motion and it was approved.

New Business

- Holiday party: having it after the concert is too low key, people are tired. It was always better at someone’s house.
- Katrina donations need to be mentioned at the Fall concert. Herb will make sure that is in the script.
- The MHS is having a rehearsal-a-thon to raise money for their California trip. It was discussed if there was some way to help. The board consensus was to help the band

as a musical program, not fund their trip to California.

- Lyle mentioned that a presentation should be made to Andy Burke regarding the repair of the Piccolo but he usually doesn’t attend our concerts. We should do it at his.
- Chimes at the Pavilion: the topic was brought up again, still it is a question of room at the Pavilion, Herb will check.
- MCB CD’s: Jim recommended that we poll the band to see if they want a “Best of” CD or one for each concert. Herb and Jim still have CD’s of past concerts. We have not burned any for this year. Lyle suggested that we ask the band on the next rehearsal after the concert.
- The word is out to the college bands inviting them to play with us.
- Trailer – Sondra mentioned that we could use a trailer for moving equipment, need to make it a priority and raise money for it. Yvonne asked if Tina’s Dad’s trailer was adequate. It is unless the weather is inclement, it is open.
- Yvonne presented the Safeway Gift Card fundraising program. Cards are purchased at a discount and sold at full value, can be used as cash. Purchases of \$200 - \$2499 receives a 3% discount, \$2500 - \$4999 a 4% discount and \$5000 and over receives a 5% discount. Herb motioned that we make a \$500 purchase to see how well it goes, it was accepted.
- Sondra suggested that we inquire at City Market as well. Yvonne will do that.
- Yvonne would like to purchase decorations for the fall concert. Jim Gibson said that there is money in the parade budget and other budgeted items haven’t used their funds so it would be ok. She estimated about \$100.