

Montrose Community Band

November 16th, 2007 Minutes

Those in attendance were Lyle Miller, Herb Probasco, Jim Gibson, Don Ludlow, Sondra Webb, John House and Yvonne McChesney. Meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm.

Minutes

The September minutes were read individually, corrected and accepted. There was no meeting in October.

Treasurer's Report for October

Jim Gibson

- Beginning Balance October 1 - \$4,632.95
- Deposits for October - \$ 235.90
 - \$225.90 – Fall Concert donations
 - \$ 10.00 – Purchase of 2 CDs (Herb)
- Expenses for October - \$ 621.79
 - \$ 58.50 – Joe Phillips for repair of piccolo
 - \$ 357.50 – Pavilion for Fall Concert
 - \$ 103.05 – Decorations for Fall Concert
 - \$ 77.74 – Sheet Music Plus (“A German Christmas”)
 - \$ 25.00 – Camp Robber gift certificate for Claire Ledger
- Ending Balance October - \$ 4,247.06

Committee Reports

Fundraising

Herb Probasco:

- We have been awarded \$1,000 from the City of Montrose
- Gary and Kari Hepner donated \$400, sponsorship of the Christmas Concert
- Yvonne reports that we received a 5% discount on the cards, have sold \$340 to Yvonne, \$160 remaining.
- Herb will send membership brochures to supporting members

Publicity

Herb Probasco

- Flyers need to be made and handed out still.

Uniforms

Yvonne McChesney

- A skirt for women was obtained from Best Buy Uniforms, not suitable. Locally made skirts would cost \$40 - \$80 each depending on material and seamstress.

Website

Yvonne McChesney

- September visits were 887, October's 1036, down from the summer. New referrers: Peoplepc search engine, wink.com, new searches: Andy Burke, Byron McNew.

Membership

Donald Ludlow

- No report.

Librarian

Sondra Webb

- Lyle cannot find the “Ultimate Christmas Sing-A-Long” choral parts.
- Herb will be looking for ensemble parts for the Thanksgiving ensemble

Music Selection Committee

John House

- Lyle commented and all board members agreed that the Music Selection Committee did a great job and selecting the Christmas Music, it is fun and interesting.
- The committee still needs to get together for the Spring concert, a Children's concert is suggested – playing theme songs from movies like “The Incredibles,” the “Looney Tunes Medley” and “Peter and the Wolf”

Music Director

Andy King

- No report, not present.

Old Business

- Regarding investing band money
 - We have \$4,247, \$2,500 can be invested to earn interest. Gold bouillon was suggested, the dollar is devalued so much that gold has gone from \$637 last Jan to \$793 currently. There is a local broker that can handle the transaction. John House commented that since commodities are “speculative” they are not appropriate for non-profits.
 - Herb made a motion to invest \$2,500 in a CD with the term to be determined, the motion died.
 - Jim Gibson motioned to investigate gold and silver, seconded by Yvonne. In discussion Jim asked if money should be invested, Lyle responded that we should. Interest is non-taxable if in general operating fund. If saved for specific purchase like a band shell it would be taxable. The motion to investigate gold and silver received 4 yeahs and 2 nays.
 - Herb suggested that we invest locally even if the interest rate is a bit lower.
- Herb moves that the December meeting be suspended, it passes.
- Holiday Party – we need a committee, Lyle will make the announcement at rehearsal.

- Jim Gibson reports on buying chimes for the Pavilion, Ellen Flanary maintains that there is no room for chimes.
- Jim Gibson will ask the band if they want a “Best Of” CD or all individual concerts.
- Trailer for moving percussion: Tina’s Dad’s trailer is ok to use.
- City Market Care Program: Yvonne still needs to call City Market regarding their program.

New Business

- Jim asked Yvonne if she needed any money for decorations, she said no, she’ll just use last year’s.
- Yvonne asked if the lights on the stage could be configured to color the sound panels. [Not sure who was going to check on that]
- Lyle reports that the Choir from the Zion Lutheran Church would like to perform with us, there are 16 voices. They’ll do two pieces alone and the Women’s Ensemble will do one piece.
- Lyle reports that the dues for the ACB are due, last year we paid the full license of \$265 for performing and copying copyrighted music, full dues were approved again for this year.
- Nominating Committee: Herb, the Vice President, is in charge of it.
- Musician of the Quarter was voted on: Linda Krebs.
- Trailer for Christmas parade: Jim Gibson will contact Superior Sod.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.