

Montrose Community Band

March 28th, 2008 Minutes

Those in attendance were Jim Gibson, Herb Probasco, John House, Lyle Miller, Yvonne McChesney, Linda Noblett and Joe Reitz. Meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm.

Minutes

The February minutes were read individually, corrected and accepted.

Treasurer's Report

John House

Year to Date totals given

- Donations:
 - \$2,745.00 direct donations
 - \$ 50.00 MAMA
 - \$ 300.00 - members
- Expenses \$1,358.73
- Net Surplus \$1,724.27
- Check Book Balance: \$5,130.19
- John will send invoices to band members at the beginning of the year next year for membership dues.

Committee Reports

Fundraising

Herb Probasco:

- Received \$250 from Alpine Bank for refreshments; that will pay for the bulk of the cookies and gallery rental.
- Wal-Mart is not doing matching grants any longer. They may be starting the gift card program like Safeway does.
- Target does not give money directly but we must apply online, Jim Gibson will do that.
- John House asked if the Colorado State grants have been pursued. One to consider is Colorado Arts Council. The deadline is March 1, need to apply next year. No one has applied this year.
- John asked what the \$1,000 from the city was for, Lyle replied that it is Community Development funds, the president fills out the application annually.

Publicity

Herb Probasco

- The Newcomers flyer still needs done
- The Scene Magazine is out and we are on the front page.
- The banner is not going up

- A flyer will be available on Monday and handed out to the band for them to post.
- John House asked why the website was a .com rather than a .org – answer: we were not an org at the time.

Uniforms

Yvonne McChesney

- Ordered 2 vest and one jacket
- Uniforms received from Tina Woodrum, Zan Waller, Josh Lehman and Byron McNew. She called the Gilders and left a message. Jim Gibson has also tried to get a hold of Gary Miller and Rob Brethouwer.
- We only have enough material for two more medium reversible vests. We still have several large vests. Yvonne has been looking for replacements.

Website

Yvonne McChesney

- Visits: January 834, February 754, March 875.
- Notable Referrers – 4 from Boerger.com the community band site, 2 from the Montrose Chamber, 9 from the Visitors and Convention Bureau
- No remarkable searches
- Popular pages
 - Members Schedule – 125 visits,
 - Sponsors page – 87 – higher than last month

Membership

Lyle Miller

- Has received the handbook and membership list from Donald Ludlow

Librarian

Joe Reitz for Sondra Webb

- Sondra wants Jim Gibson to announce to members that their music needs turned in immediately after the concert.

Music Selection Committee

John House

- Still need to contact Andy for his ideas
- Joe Reitz commented that many marches are fun but there is more to pick from than just marches for this concert.
- We don't borrow from the MHS library anymore, there was issues with someone else getting music out of their files. We don't need to anymore anyway.
- Regarding copyright laws, we must copy to use only, not build a set from copies that someone else owns.

Music Director

Andy King

- No report, not present.
- Herb remarks that maybe doing a spring concert is too much for Andy since he has missed 4 rehearsals this time. Joe commented that many organizations don't have near the amount of time to rehearse that we do and they play more than we do. John commented that 11 rehearsals before a concert is more than any band he knows. Some members may not be coming continually because they don't feel they need to.

Old Business

- Regarding the Safeway Cards: No report.
- Re: Olde Tyme Baseball game in Ouray, it is not happening this year.
- Re: Montrose County 125th Anniversary Celebration the parade is on July 24th we are tentatively booked.
- Re: Performing at Deltarado we are waiting for a call. Herb recommended that each performer be given \$10 to eat at the Cowboy Coffee Corral in gratitude for their performance and an incentive. Joe commented that the stage was quite small, we may not be able to have everyone there.
- Re: Link on Association of Concert Band website, a message has been sent to our representative in Watkins, CO.

- Musician of the Quarter: Donald Ludlow nominated and approved.
- Lyle confirmed that AJ Smith agreed to be the emcee for the concert however, she will miss the dress rehearsal; she will be emailed the script.

New Business

- .The Chamber has scheduled the Air Force Academy Band for the 2nd of July, Herb thinks it will kill our concert. Herb thinks the Chamber should have not scheduled their concert so close to ours. Also since we are members Marge should have called us.
- Joe Reitz asked who was conducting the summer concert, Toby? We need to verify.
- There is an issue with the percussion at the high school at times. Do we need to purchase some of our own equipment? We have the funds to do so. Herb will get together with Donald and Clair to see what we need.
- Jim Gibson reports that Arlyn had contacted him regarding the legal requirements of our organization and she feels that we are not handling it appropriately. We should have our regularly scheduled meetings on the prescribed day whether all can be present or not. Minutes should be taken at each meeting. Financial reports should be given at every meeting and the annual meeting. She was concerned that the annual meeting was postponed several times. The year end financials can still be published and given to the members. Joe Reitz said these requirements are not written in stone and required by the state. Jim will send her message to all the board members and entertain our comments.
- Joe asked if the books have ever been audited. Jim replied that they hadn't as long as he had been treasurer but they were prior to his term.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.