

Montrose Community Band

July 24th, 2008 Minutes

Those in attendance were Jim Gibson, Herb Probasco, John House, Yvonne McChesney, Sondra Webb, Linda Noblett, and Toby King. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 pm.

Minutes

The June minutes were read individually, corrected and accepted.

Treasurer's Report

John House

For the period June 1 – June 30

- Donations: \$0.00
- Expenses: \$675.88
- Net Surplus \$-675.88

For the period July 1 – July 24

- Donations: \$310.34
- Expenses: \$1,278.65
- Net Surplus: \$-968.31

YTD Expenses exceed income by \$760.98.

Greatest expense is music and Pavilion.

July 3rd contributions were down possibly because we were inside.

John House suggested selling tickets to our concerts. It was the board's desire to have the concerts remain free. Sondra recommended that the ushers can mingle in the audience with the cans to solicit more donations.

Committee Reports

Fundraising

Herb Probasco:

- Still need to approach Tri-State for fall concert sponsorship.
- Most concerts now have co-sponsors.
- Contributors could sponsor a piece for a concert as long as it fits with the theme. Herb suggested a wish list to pick from.

Publicity

Herb Probasco

- Four members of the band showed up at the county courthouse to be in the Montrose County picture celebrating the county's 125th Anniversary, they were: Herb Probasco, Jim Gibson, Yvonne McChesney and Linda Noblett.

Uniforms

Yvonne McChesney

- Regarding outstanding uniforms, we need to invoice those who haven't turned them in and it doesn't look like they will play again.
- One reversible vest was made; we are now out of the red material. Yvonne obtained samples so several can be scouting around for a suitable replacement. Next time we will need the reversible vests are for Christmas.

Website

Yvonne McChesney

- Visits: June increased to 1066, May at 1042, April at 1041 visits.
- Search Engines –XML sitemap was created. Google visits were at 40 in May, we'll watch the stats on that.
- The newsletter was posted and there were already 21 visits to it.
- Unusual search: Johannessen, Emily used to play with us.
- Herb requested that the band's e-mail address be added to the front page of the website.

Membership

Lyle Miller

- No report, Lyle not present.

Music Selection Committee

Linda Noblett

- Need to meet and redefine purpose and responsibilities. Initially formed to help Andy.
- Music should be selected for next concert prior to the performance of the current one we are rehearsing.

Librarian

Sondra Webb

- Sondra reports that the work load is better and she does get help when she asks.
- Sondra suggested that the encore shouldn't be listed, but only performed if the response is enthusiastic.

Music Director

Toby King

- Toby will meet with the music selection committee.
- Regarding music selection, his criteria for the different pieces are, some to be recognizable, fun to listen to, some easy, some hard and apply to a theme.

- Toby asked if the CDs are helpful, many agreed.
- Regarding length of rehearsals, he'll push more to start at 7 pm. The board voted to extend rehearsals to 2 hours last meeting, Toby will bring that before the band during the next rehearsal. For now it was decided to just extend it to 8:45 pm.

Old Business

- No old business needed attention.

New Business

- No New Business was presented.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.