

Montrose Community Band

August 15th, 2008 Minutes

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

Minutes

The July minutes were read individually, corrected and accepted.

Treasurer's Report

John House

Treasurer was not present, no report.

Committee Reports

Fundraising

Herb Probasco:

- Has approach Tri-State for fall concert sponsorship for \$357.50; he has not received an answer.
- Herb asked Jim if he had received money from the Rotary yet, Jim said he had not.
- The Hepner's are willing to sponsor the Christmas Concert again this year. Kari can be the emcee again if she is willing.

Publicity

Herb Probasco

- There were no flyers put out for the July 3rd concert and it didn't seem to matter regarding attendance.
- Toby said the ad in the Delta County Independent wasn't very noticeable. He suggested maybe send a picture next time.
- The ad was sent to the High Country Shopper as well.

Uniforms

Yvonne McChesney

- It is time to start getting sizes and any pieces ordered.

Website

Yvonne McChesney

- Visits: July increased again to 1141, June at 1066, May was at 1042.

- Search Engines –XML sitemap was created in late July. Google visits for July 97, May 68, June 70, July 56.
- Sponsor page hits: July 72, June 70, May 68, April 97.
- Band newsletter has received 38 hits in July and already 39 in August.
- No unusual searches

Membership

Lyle Miller

- The roster is done; Lyle will bring it in and pass it around for corrections.

Music Selection Committee

Linda Noblett

- Toby would like to find a piece with a narrative for the Christmas Concert.
- Linda requested a current list of music that we currently own to select the Christmas music.

Librarian

Sondra Webb

- Nothing to report.

Music Director

Toby King

- With this concert we are now caught up on the Musician of the Quarter requests. There needs to be a more efficient means of picking music, Clair's took too long to select.
- Herb regarding "Take Me Out to the Ball Game", since one of the originals that were passed out was treated as a copy we cannot return it. It was suggested that we give it to Delta's middle school.
- Herb asked if Toby had looked into any lending libraries; he has not. Toby knows that Mike Pearce (Lake City Stingers) uses one. We could exchange music with other

local bands. Toby said we should stamp our parts if we do. Keep it small and manageable.

- We are getting quite an extensive library, much we can play again.
- Herb brought up the numbering system that Carl Bivens implemented. We could keep standard pieces in our folders to play when requested. It was decided that we don't have enough call for that and we'd lose too much music that way. Others don't want the music folders to be that fat.
- Jim Gibson brought up the point of staying until 8:45 – 9 pm during rehearsals. Toby will prepare the band.
- Toby would like a list of people in the band and to know who is going to commit to each concert early in the preparation.
- Attendance is an issue as always. Good players, even though they don't need to be there for themselves help all the rest of the band improve. Jim said there should be accountability; it is in the Member Handbook that members should attend 80% of the rehearsals prior to a concert in order to be allowed to play in the concert. Toby will bring that up at the next rehearsal.
- Cajun Folk Songs II will be cut, we have enough pieces for this concert and that would be too much.

Old Business

- No old business needed attention.

New Business

- Jim Gibson presented the 2009 Concert Schedule:
 - April 5th, Sunday 3 pm
 - June 30th, Tuesday, 7 pm*
 - September 27th, Sunday, 3 pm
 - December 20th, Sunday, 7 pm.
*June 29th & 30th was presented, the 30th was selected
- Regarding playing on the 4th at Cerise, next year we need to ask the band and get volunteers so we can have all parts covered without murmuring.
- Regarding refreshments during the concerts: Renting the gallery is \$115 + \$5 a table and cookies are \$300. Do we want to continue? If we have sponsors – sure. We should make sure the donation cans are at the tables. No definitive decision was made.
- Jim Gibson, Holly Ray and Yvonne McChesney played with the Lake City Stingers on August 9th & 10th. They had a very enjoyable time and they were very grateful for our contribution. They have invited us back and more can come and perform with them next year if we want. They played before a very enthusiastic audience. We have invited them join us in our fall concert as well since they don't have another concert until Christmas.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.