

Montrose Community Band

January, 22, 2010 Minutes

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

Minutes

The November minutes were reviewed, corrected and approved, no meeting in December.

Treasurer's Report

John House Reporting.

For Jan. 1 – Dec 31, 2009

- Donations: \$6,478.86
- Expenses: \$6,159.90
- Net Surplus \$ 318.96
- Total L & E \$2,563.29
(L&E – Liabilities and Equity)
- Treasurer's report includes profit & loss year comparison has 2009 compared to 2008, last year we were down \$1,781.59, this year we are up \$318.96.
- Page 3 of report compares 2009 with budget, we were ahead of budget.
- Membership dues discounts are dues written off. Figure will be adjusted, dues have been received since.
- Last page, bank account balance \$318.96 ahead of last year.
- Safeway Cards:
Sold 11/20 – 1/22/10: \$840
Cards on-hand: \$450
Cash on-hand: cash no long kept
check requested of treasurer when purchase of cards required

Committee Reports

Fundraising

Herb Probasco:

- Supporting member donations received, Jim gibson had received some also. Not quite where we were from last year. Wal-Mart has been giving money to the community, they should be approached again.
- TEI Rock Drills has sponsored the spring concert again. \$357.50.
- One way we can continue to bring in money, Big O cards.

- Some have encouraged us to revisit City Market cares, people designate their cards to the band.
- Set up on website link to Amazon, can get a percentage of sales. Just need a few graphic images, doesn't have to buy that product, just something and we get a percentage. Amazon associates program. Least amount is 4%. Once set up there is no maintenance, no dollar minimums.
- Regarding dues people are slow to pay, maybe allow them to support the band through other means: Safeway cards, amazon, Big O. That would really need to be accepted on a case by case basis. At beginning of year, everyone will get an invoice. Herb sent reminders, only two are outstanding now, only one is requesting not to pay due to financial hardship.
- Wal-mart – we were lead to believe they had discontinued their community support programs but it looks like they have restarted so Herb will check.
- John House, do we apply for any grants? Herb hasn't had the energy to look into it. Colorado endowment for the arts revising terms – what would we be asking for? Need to be specific in request. Ouray county applied for a grant from the Telluride foundation and received funds. Percussion equipment would be good to apply for. Linda Noblett, Colorado Sources of Income in the Library that can use to apply for the Colorado Common Grant Form.
- Regarding advertising in the program – how much to charge, by program or year still not decided.

Publicity

Herb Probasco

- Newsletter will be out before the annual meeting.
- We got front page on Christmas day.

Uniforms

Yvonne McChesney

- Ridge Mufurd has returned a vest from playing with us 2 summers ago.

Website

Yvonne McChesney

- No statistics, Yvonne didn't have internet today.

Membership

Lyle Miller

- Lyle talked to Liz Blackburn, return for Patriotic concert.
- Also Delta Middle School director would like to play with us, percussion.
- Herb reports may have more trumpets. Richard Weldon said his students may want to play

Music Selection Committee

Toby King reporting

- Spring Concert music is purchased and mostly in, they are grades 4 and 5, light British spring flavor.
- Jim Gibson suggested a childrens concert for fall – play Disney & John Williams.

Librarian

Sondra Webb

- Music committee needs to meet and decide on summer and fall.
- Cabinets for music: church ok, but HS not. Need one there. Need to ask if it's ok to use more space.

Music Director

- Telluride loved us and wants us.
- Gail from the Montrose RV park for July 4th, she called Yvonne again and wanted us to play.
- Delatarado days? We don't know, no response from Randy Sunderland about Delatarado days. Sondra will contact him about it – sax ensemble could play.

Old Business

- Herb – propose that we not renew the membership in the chamber, money better used as a donation to HS. Can't see any direct benefit. Herb moves that we don't renew our membership. John House seconded it . Yvonne thinks that non-profits can still put events in calendar. Unanimous to drop the Chamber membership.
- Up for renewal: Association of concert Bands renewal BMI membership \$50 must cover MBI/ASCAB fees renewal agreed upon.
- Should we continue purchasing percussion equipment?. We own a base drum and snare, donated items, but not good quality. Need to get a list of percussion equipment for the next concert that is needed.
- Jim Gibson reports, very good Christmas concert, but microphones didn't get set up for the band and the concert didn't get recorded. We will make an effort to get the concert recorded. Lyle is still hearing about the concert, “most fun I've had in a long time, the music was wonderful.” “Sax ensemble was the highlight.”
- Regarding refreshments, there was a comment left regarding no cookies. We should do Christmas only, the cost of doing refreshments is about \$400 itself.
- Still need to approve budget.

New Business

- Julie Chapman, Sonja Miller , and John Ast are nominees to join the board.
- Annual meeting during rehearsal be better. Annual meeting on the 22nd. New board then elects officers. Board meeting will come after the annual meeting