



Allouez Village Band Ltd.

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A meeting of the Allouez Village Band BOD was held on January 28, 2008 in the Washington Middle School Band room.

Present: Gene Burmeister, Lynn Belongia, Mike Ajango, Carol Osgood, Sharon Sidwell, Dale Pearson

Non Board Members Present: Kathy Lieburn

Items discussed:

1. A band member has asked if we really need to put the AVB music stand banners up anymore. The member believes our audience at the Meyer knows who we are. The member also thinks that when viewed from the audience the banners detract from the band. A few board members thought part of the problem may be that the stands are at different heights so there isn't a uniform look.
 - a. We presently have 12 stand banners. For the February concert we will put up one or two banners on the rail behind Mike's podium. Everyone should take a look at it from the audience and we will discuss the issue further at the next BOD meeting.
2. Discussed the Weidner Christmas concert:
 - a. We lost about \$1,400 on the concert. There were more expenses than money received from sponsors and the donation drum.
 - b. BOD decided that we would like to have the Christmas concert at the Weidner again next year. It's nice not to have to turn audience members away like we had to do at the Meyer the last few years. It was discussed that Warren Gerds column about the overflow crowd at the concert in June scared some people away. Mike said he is putting info in all press releases that that we have room for more audience members at all our concerts. We need to bring in enough money so we at least break even.
 - c. It was decided that we should have two committees work on just the Christmas concert at the Weidner: A Sponsor committee to get more funds and an Advertising committee to get out more publicity about the concert.
3. Ad revenue for the programs is down. If everyone in the band could bring in at least one ad it would make a significant difference. Four new ads have been sold since the beginning of '08.
4. Sharon stated that we need to get more band members to volunteer for positions needed to help with band operations:
 - a. Pete Renard has volunteered to help with the Audit committee. We should have at least two more members on that committee.
 - b. John Siemering will do data input for the inventory.
 - c. There are still plenty of other positions to fill.

5. Percussion Equipment:

- a. Lynn said that the snares on the AVB's snare drum can't be adjusted. Paul will have IMC take a look at the drum and see if it can be repaired. If it can't be repaired Paul and Lynn will purchase a new one.
 - b. Mike is looking at buying new Tympani. We should have a set with at least three drums. Four is becoming the standard for bands. If we get new Tympani we will sell the old ones.
6. We need to get more files for music. There isn't any space to put more files in our present room at the community center. Sharon thinks there is more space in the building behind the present room. She will talk to the village about getting more space.
7. Elections for new board members will be held on February 11. The nominating committee is Kathy Lieburn and Lynne Belongia. Kathy will make an announcement at the next two rehearsals looking for volunteers to run for the offices. The elections will be for two year terms for vice president, treasurer and a member at large. We will also elect a secretary to fill the remaining one year at that position. So far the following people have volunteered:
- a. VP – Carol Osgood
 - b. Treasurer – Gene Burmeister
 - c. Secretary – Dale Pearson
8. The next board meeting will be held prior to the rehearsal on February 25. All members of the band are welcome to attend BOD meetings.

Please contact the writer with any questions or corrections.

Submitted by,

Dale Pearson