
ALLOUEZ VILLAGE BAND BOARD MEETING

November 27, 2017 9:10 pm

Present: Gene Burmeister, Brent Hussin, Mary Rehberg, Mike Ajango, Paul Oleksy, Kathy Lieburn, Mary Eisenreich, Jerry Kruse

Absent: None

Guests: None

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Jerry Kruse to approve minutes, seconded by Mary Eisenreich. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report

Gene Burmeister presented the financial report. We have \$4k in the checkbook, though we still owe \$1,250 to PMI for the November concert. When that's paid we'll have a \$300 net income YTD. A motion was made by Mary Eisenreich to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Paul Oleksy. Approved.

Old Business

Band Trip – Some band members have expressed interest in having another band trip. Brent reached out to Marquette regarding their bi-annual UP Band Festival in early August next year. The format is an honor band: the Marquette City Band and guest band both perform. Issues could be getting enough material together & rehearsals during the summer months. Brent is waiting for additional information from Marquette's next board meeting. Mike will get feedback from Fond du Lac's band, as they were last year's guests in Marquette. Pending.

November Concert – Brent learned that when the American Legion was taking cash collections, their gain exceeded \$300 each year, so based on an email solicitation of board members, \$350 was donated to the American Legion after the November concert.

Tympani Stool – The final price for the tympani stool came in at \$250. The purchase was approved and is now on order.

Percussion Amplifier – Carmen's personal amplifier was not adequate for our needs, and it can't rehearse with more than one instrument (it only has one input channel). The band purchased an amp for \$120, and Carmen is responsible for its transport.

New Eye Media – Per the letter Brent received from New Eye Media, they are dissolving at year-end, due to a lower than expected volume of users. Brent reached and got copies of our performances for our website or other media.

New Business

Rehearsal Keyboard – Carmen has been using her personal keyboard, and it is having electronics issues; we need a new keyboard. There are lighter weighted keyboards but they have limited sounds, which we use frequently. Paul recommends the purchase of a Juno keyboard for \$700, and an Apex Tandem keyboard stand for \$200. This would allow us to stack two keyboards in one spot, which would decrease our space requirements and allow one band member easier access to both keyboards. On a motion made by Mike Ajango, seconded by Jerry Kruse, the purchase of both items was approved.

December Concert – Brent confirmed that we are ready to go with janitors, sound, lighting, etc. Paul's Pantry will bring bins for food donations. Because there are so many exit points, we won't take the bass drum this year; we'll use buckets.

Last year we did receive Paul's Pantry cash contributions, which required our volunteers to segregate cash. In order to avoid this confusion, we will co-mingle Paul's Pantry cash with our own donations, and write a check to Paul's Pantry for \$300, the amount they earned last year. In order to avoid any misrepresentation, we will announce that "a portion" of tonight's cash donations will go to Paul's Pantry." On a motion by Jerry Kruse, seconded by Mary Eisenreich, this plan was approved.

We will also host a post-Christmas party at St. Brendan's Inn for band members after the show. On a motion from Brent Hussin, seconded by Mike Ajango, the board approved this party at a cost up to the amount spent last year.

Frank Hermes – Frank Hermes of "Let Me Be Frank" productions has made a proposal to include the AVB in his "Frankly Green Bay" magazine. He normally charges entertainers for cover shots. He has proposed to run a cover plus a 3-page article in exchange for the AVB promoting his June show during our May concert, when he and his wife will be our vocalists. This is a no-cost opportunity for the band to get publicity beyond our normal concert-goers at no cash cost. On a motion from Jerry Kruse, seconded by Paul Oleksy, the proposal was approved.

With no further business brought before the board, and on a motion from Mike Ajango, seconded by Paul Oleksy, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

Tabled

New Members – We are fortunate to now have a waiting list for musicians wishing to join the AVB. Board members discussed whether it is appropriate to establish a standardized process for people who apply. Various possibilities discussed included tryouts, part-sharing, or establishing floaters for gaps in concerts. The board agreed that further discussion and review is needed. We are also considering having a "probation" period or standard for new band members. Pending.

Tympani Repair – Paul Oleksy has made 3 calls to Instrumental Music Repair for work on the tympani (estimated repair costs are \$200 - \$300). If he can't get that coordinated, he'll give Heid Music a call. Tabled.

35th Anniversary - As the band's 35th anniversary nears, the board discussed having a goofy T-shirt or other promotional item for band members. Brent will pull up a few logo options. Pending.