
ALLOUEZ VILLAGE BAND BOARD MEETING

October 23, 2017 9:05 pm

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

Absent: Mary Eisenreich, Jerry Kruse

Guests: None

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Mike Ajango to approve minutes, seconded by Paul Oleksy. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report

Gene Burmeister presented the financial report. Our cash position is flat to last year; no surprises. A motion was made by Kathy Lieburn to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Paul Oleksy. Approved.

Old Business

Stands at the Meyer Theater – Paul checked with the Green Bay Civic Symphony and confirmed that we can borrow their stands from time to time when playing at the Meyer, as needed in emergency situations. We do not expect this to be a regular practice, and need to make sure they're returned.

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 will reach out to see if he can get copies of our performances for our website or other media.

New 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.

November Concert – Now that we are not allowing the American Legion to collect cash donations in the lobby at the November concert, we will donate to their cause. Brent will research how much they've collected at past AVB concerts. On a motion from Gene

Burmeister, seconded by Kathy Lieburn, the board authorized Brent to pick the amount of the donation based on the results of his research, and not to exceed \$500.

[Update: Brent learned that the collection exceeded \$300 each year, so based on an email solicitation of board members, \$350 was donated to the American Legion.]

Tympani Stool – Joe Vetter sent a written request for a tympani stool. His requested was routed to board members via email, and reviewed. Open issues include the cost (est. \$475), storage, & transportation. Joe Vetter asked that we delay a vote so he could provide that information.

2018-19 Season – Brent has locked down the 2018-19 season dates at the Meyer, which was needed for Allouez to print their 2018 calendar. We will have to move the Christmas concert again next season, likely to West High School.

Concert Setup – The board reviewed the results of the October concert which used a new seating & percussion arrangement. The consensus is that the arrangement worked well, except the musician at the drum set had trouble syncing with the rest of the section. So we will continue to review and perhaps adjust as needed after a few more shows.

Percussion Amplifier – Carmen’s amplifier is not adequate for our needs, and it can’t rehearse with more than one instrument (it only has one input channel). Paul will research alternatives and bring them back to the board. Pending.

With no further business brought before the board, and on a motion from Gene Burmeister, seconded by Mike Ajango, 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.