
ALLOUEZ VILLAGE BAND BOARD MEETING

October 1, 2012 8:55pm

Present: Mike Ajango, Gene Burmeister, Brent Hussin, Mary Eisenreich, Paul Oleksy, Kimberly Smithson, Lynn Urquahart-Belongia and Mary Rehberg

Excused: n/a

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Mary Eisenreich to approve minutes, seconded by Paul Oleksy. Approved.

Treasurer's Report

Gene Burmeister presented the financial report: checking account balance is \$4,900, and savings balance is \$23,728. Since July 1st we are up by \$4,176 due to prepaid concert sponsorships, and we've added \$2,160 to savings through June. Lynn Urquahart-Belongia made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Mary Eisenreich. Approved.

Old Business

Bylaw Updates – Board of Directors. Brent distributed a paragraph to be added to the bylaws with regard to the director's position. Mike suggested that the director should be able to be un-appointed by the board as well. Tabled.

New Business

Perpetual Plaque. We have a Perpetual Plaque in the Community Center to recognize deceased band members. After adding a plate for Mike Barber, there is one slot remaining on the board. We are struggling to track former members who may have passed on, and know we are likely missing some. The plaque holds 100 plates and costs \$106, plus \$6.50/ea for the plate. Many members may not realize the plaque is there.

The board discussed alternatives, such as listing historical members of each year's band on the website (ex: band of '62), which would have better visibility and be inclusive, without the concern about missing former members who may have passed on.

Mike suggested we leave the last slot for Bob Seering and with the board completed, bring the plaque to a close. Board members will consider this resolution. Tabled.

Extra Programs. The question was raised about what happens to extra programs after the concert that may remain in the lobby. Brent will check with Dennis from PMI and if it's an issue, he will look for a volunteer to bring the programs up before the concert, and to recycle leftovers after the concert. Tabled pending further information.

Christmas Party. Last year we held the Christmas party on a separate date from the last rehearsal. This year, there is a Packer game at 7:20 pm that evening. Tabled to check availability of facilities for a possible early part, or perhaps moving it all to Saturday.

Attendance Policy. We recognize that some AVB members are regularly in violation of AVB's attendance policy. The question was asked about whether the policy should be more strictly enforced. Mike commented that some band members do have conflicts, illnesses, or family issues, and he is generally aware of their situations and they work with him to decide the best course of action. Therefore, he prefers to address attendance concerns on an individual basis. Brent will resend the policy to the band, and ask section leaders to keep an eye out for potential abuse of the policy.

Concert Attire. Janet is working on some ideas to refresh our concert attire. Look for more information as the season progresses.

January Concert Sponsorship. The March concert is now sponsored by GB Home Medical, but we still need a sponsor for our January concert (\$850). A travel agency would be a great fit.

Space Issues. Kim asked Brent to remind band members about space issues at the community center, such as people leaving cases and equipment on chairs. It makes some band members edgy, so we need to be mindful.

Stands on stage at the Meyer. There have been some confrontations about who should be bringing their own stands to the Meyer. Some feel exempt due to their tenure with the AVB. Mike prefers to save the stands for percussion, the tubas, and the euphoniums because of the size of their cases, and will ask other band members to bring their own stands.

April Concert. Look for the full Rhapsody in Blue at the April concert, with Kent Paulsen at the piano. Lots of logistics to work out, but should be very exciting.

With no further business to bring before the board, and on a motion from Gene Burmeister, seconded by Mary Eisenreich, the board adjourned at 9:55 pm.