

## **Sharon Bands Board Meeting**

**Monday, December 4, 2017**

**Board Members Present:** Al True, Cathy Hichens, Matthew Leftin, June Blumenthal, Art LaMan, Mark Freitas, George Mellman

**Absent:** Tom Lucci

**Director:** Steve Bell

**Band Members:** Jim Hinds

**Called to order at:** 1910 hours

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### **Previous Minutes:**

- November 2017 minutes were approved with amendment  
Matt moved; June second; Unanimous approval
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### **Members Forum:**

- None this month
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### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Tom Lucci presented the Treasurer's report via email.
    - Hopkinton is still in arrears
    - Invoice has been sent for the Larusso Christmas party.
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### **4) Business:**

- a) December SCB Concerts
  - Discussion about inviting producers to attend board meetings or to submit a report with concert updates
  - Discussion of booking sound recording engineer
- b) Jazzy Valentine
  - Discussion of music for Jazzy Valentine
  - Director and assistant director are communicating about music
  - Working on "Vote for Favorites"
  - FAME may be interested in fundraising concept discussed at November meeting
  - Working with Glenn on web/tickets
  - Discussion of what we know about available personnel
- c) Night at the Opera
  - We have producers
  - Steve provided a list of music and potential download sources for examples - For multiple concerts
  - Mostly in good shape – may need to purchase a couple of arrangements.
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- d) Pops concert (member buy in)
  - Extensive discussion of Pops concert
  - No room or dinner fee
  - Concern over whether members will support – Lake Pearl is under the assumption that it is a well attended event
  - Brunch/concert - \$39; Concert/snacks – \$20 general admission; Cash bar for both
  - Potential for 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary tie-in
  - Lake Pearl will help market
  - Discussion of marketing for event
  - Discussion of having a “guest artist” to generate interest

- Discussion of number of concerts in a few months
  - Discussion of space for the groups – nothing fully defined as yet
  - Can't do any Saturday or Mother's Day – May 6 was an open date on their calendar
  - Discussion of ticket sales – we will handle
  - Discussion of theme using Broadway musical tunes or “nightclub” vocals, etc. – “Guys & Dolls” maybe
- e) 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Some discussion
  - Tabled for now
- f) Summer gigs
- Some scheduled
  - Abington (bandstand by library) is included
  - Hopkinton is first week in August – a little later than normal
  - Art – post on web (done)
- g) Vinny's responsibilities in Steve's absence (SCB/RSBB)
- Steve working with Vinny on set lists and working with him on rehearsals
  - Steve will be back in February for rehearsals
  - Big band sets for JV are sets (3 sets)
- h) December 21?
- All agreed it was a good idea based on weather risk
- i) Scheduling issue with the Middle School
- Extensive Discussion
- j) Cancellation process
- Discussion of process
  - If Sharon public schools cancel – we cancel; Glenn posts to web
  - Cathy – will ask Personnel to create phone tree by section
  - Art – post general information about cancellation policy to members page
- k) Ad book
- Discussion – a few ads came in
  - Discussion of adding “sponsor” form to program
- l) Membership dues/new members
- No new information but dues are coming in
  - Cathy/Matt are actively working on folks who have not paid
  - Discussion of attendance lists distribution
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- m) December newsletter (content)
- See below
- n) Action items/owners
- See below
- o) Meeting date for January
- Discussed – see below

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**Director's Report:**

- Hiring a tuba player for December concerts
- Discussion of member approval process – Steve needs an updated membership list – Cathy will get from Personnel
- Discussion of welcoming new members
- Discussion of making sure we know who will be at concerts
- Discussion of process for documenting purchase of equipment by outside donors: donors should be directed to

Speak to board members.

- Discussion of labeling equipment
  - Discussion about music stands
    - Mark will contact Jim to offer assistance
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**Newsletter content:**

- Solicitation of ideas for 30th
  - Brockton rehearsal
  - Check web for cancellations
  - Concert updates
  - Discussion of Pops
  - Concert call times – 1pm and 6pm – set list is on web
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**Action items recap:**

- Cathy – get membership list; phone tree by section; get attendance list; find out who has not paid dues
  - Art – post summer gigs; post about Sharon cancelation to web
  - Mark – contact Jim about stands
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**Board Meeting Schedule:**

- Next Meeting is Monday, January 8, 2018 at 7:15pm @ Sharon Middle School
  - Following meeting is: Monday, February 12, 2018 at 7:15pm @ Sharon Middle School
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Motion to adjourn by Art; Seconded by Al; Adjourned at 2040 hours by unanimous consent.