

Sharon Bands Board Meeting

Monday, October 16, 2017

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

Absent: NA

Director: Steve Bell

Band Members: None in attendance

Executive session:

- Meeting called to order at 19:15 hours and adjourned to Executive Session to discuss personnel and compensation.
- Executive session adjourned at 19:45 hours and regular meeting resumed at that time.

Previous Minutes:

- September 2017 minutes were approved without amendment
Mark moved; Matt second; Unanimous approval

Members Forum:

- None present

New Member Approval:

- Not on agenda this month

Treasurer's Report:

- Tom Lucci presented the Treasurer's report.
 - Small surplus for last fiscal year primarily due to unexpected donations.
 - Still awaiting payment from Hopkinton RSBB gig – continued from August meeting. Tom to email Mark to get in touch with Hopkinton. Question about whether invoice was misplaced.
 - Sharon has invoiced us for some stuff – went into last fiscal year accounting.
 - Folders and (5) stands ordered. Tom/Cathy will let Jim know that stands are in.
 - This year:
 - Starting to get chart donation money.
 - Received donation toward chimes.
 - Dues is starting to come in and is being tracked (50 paid to date).
 - Expenses are as expected: Pepper (music), shirts, Constant Contact, new chimes, subs.
 - Discussion of accounts and whether to move some to an interest-bearing acct.
 - Discussion of members: do we have a current roster for both groups? Cathy will email membership people to get the current list.

Business:

- **Agenda item 5 a.** – December SCB concerts
 - Tickets are set at current prices
 - No comps this year.
 - Cathy will let Glenn know about prices (and church gig concert treatment – see below).
 - Need to encourage members to publicize event.
 - Discussion of church concert: Church concert will be treated like a private event. We will not actively publicize on website, etc.
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- **Agenda item 5 b.** – Jazzy Valentine
 - Date set for Feb 10.
 - Ambrosia was a good location.
 - Discussion of different venue options.
 - Discussion of whether to have a specific theme.
 - Mark will proceed booking Ambrosia again. He will discuss having the parking lot better treated in case of snow/ice and competition with other band in next room.
 - Art will add JV to members website – done
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- **Agenda item 5 c.** – Future concerts
 - Vinny will run rehearsal on 10/25 and bring in a couple of pieces for Night at the Opera concert.
 - Pops still up in air – Mark will contact Ambrosia to see if it is a possible venue.
 - Discussion of getting dates added to the members page as soon as possible.
- **Agenda item 5 d.** – Joint rehearsal at Stoughton
 - Discussion of event/concept – open rehearsal.
 - Cathy will get in touch with Keith.
- **Agenda item 5 e.** – Ordering of chimes
 - Art moved; Matt second;
 - Approved unanimously
 - Discussion of load in trailer, etc.
- **Agenda item 5 f.** –FAME ad
 - Discussion of whether to purchase ad
 - Cathy moved; Mark second
 - Approved unanimously
 - Cathy will contact Glenn to update copy and send in.
- **Agenda item 5 g.** –Volunteers
 - Need producers for Opera and Pops
 - Need board members
 - Steve will make request at rehearsal and Cathy will publish in newsletter
- **Agenda item 5 h.** –Ad book
 - Extensive discussion of ad book
 - We will do an ad book incorporated into the concert programs
 - George will contact Glenn to make letter/flyer
 - Tom can give a list of past donors to George
 - Mark will layout and produce the book – needs copy by November 20.
- **Agenda item 5 i.** –Membership dues/new members
 - Cathy is going to get Google doc access
 - Reiterate to members that they need to put stands/chairs away
- **Agenda item 5 j.** –Stickers for folders
 - Mark will print stickers
- **Agenda item 5 k.** –August newsletter (content)
 - October news
 - Discussion of content
 - Member list
 - Invite people to concerts
 - Producer for Pops and Night at Opera
 - Clear chairs
- **Agenda item 5 l.** –November meeting date

- Dates set: November 13; December 4 (posted to website)

Director's Report:

- Discussion of a yard sale fundraiser and community building event
- Still waiting to hear about Boston Band Festival
- Positive discussion musicians that are joining the band (Shout out to Glenn for all of his good work publicizing!)

Board Meeting Schedule:

- Next Meeting is Monday, November 13, 7:15pm @ Sharon Middle School

Motion to adjourn by Mark; Seconded by Cathy; Adjourned at 2110 hours by unanimous consent.