

Sharon Bands Board Meeting

Monday, September 11, 2017

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

Absent: Mark Freitas, George Mellman

Director: Steve Bell

Band Members: None in attendance

Previous Minutes:

- August 2017 minutes were approved without amendment
Matt moved; Art second; Unanimous approval

Members Forum:

- None present

New Member Approval:

- None pending

Treasurer's Report:

- Tom Lucci presented the Treasurer's report – foreshortened due to computer issues.
 - 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.
 - Discussion of member party costs – all good.
 - Chart donation program will be run again. Tom will send Laura invoices. Laura will speak to program at rehearsal.

Business:

- **Agenda item a.** – Ad book
 - Extensive discussion about book, work involved, tasks/timeline, etc.
 - Consensus that we defer ad book for this year (form a committee in the Spring for 2018 season) and have a donation letter instead.
 - June will stuff letters when they are created.
 - Matt will ask George to create an Excel file for mail merge.
 - Art will talk to Steve B. to get list of businesses, etc. that have contributed in past (NOTE: Steve gave materials to George).
 - Art will craft a donation letter and send to Cathy.
- **Agenda item b.** – Upcoming concerts
 - a. - November big band concert.
 - Discussion of RSBB personnel. Concern over lack of drummer (resolved with addition of Nick).
 - Plan is to work on charts that are “tougher” to polish work.
 - No November concert for now.
 - Discussion of email addresses (membership requests going to June) – Glenn is working on.
 - b./c. - December SCB concert(s).
 - Discussion of dates.
 - Decided on Sat. 12/9 – evening (7 pm) and Sun. 12/10 – afternoon (2 pm) at Tim Watrous' church.
 - Cathy will get info to George to request school on the 9th.
 - Discussion of whether we do “free” concerts for churches, etc. but to request that they target door donations to a particular cause.
 - d. – Stoughton joint concert.
 - Discussion of concept.

- Target a Thursday night this Fall.
 - Steve? will ask Keith to provide a couple of dates.
 - e. - Other future concerts.
 - Need to get date for Night at the Opera in March 2018 – (note: set for March 25). Need to get information about “Music at Sanctuary Hall” – check with Mark. Need producers for all!
 - Discussion about how to get volunteers for producers.
 - Ask Jim Hinds about Boston Band Festival.
 - Pops concert sometime in May – need producer(s).
 - Jazzy valentine – Mark is looking for date in February.
 - Also – discussion of hats. Concensus – order more.
 - Also – discussion of people in other groups – what to do about it? There are impacts to our group concerts – mostly in summer.
 - Also – discussion of whether more dues discussion is in order. Consensus – no.
- **Agenda item c.** – Volunteers
 - No report.
- **Agenda item d.** – Upcoming rehearsals
 - 9/14 – High school; 9/21 – Cathy to ask George
 - Discussion of use of school during holiday – fees associated.
- **Agenda item e.** – Membership dues/New member
 - a. No need for additional information to members
- **Agenda item f.** –Section leaders
 - Decided to call position “section manager.”
 - Duties for now are limited to taking attendance.

Monthly Newsletter Items:

- Need producers
- Need pops location
- Need resolution on who can help haul trailer/ownership of trailer.
 - Much discussion
 - Art will check about how to register trailer to an entity rather than a person.

Director’s Report:

- Changes in how middle school room is used
 - Ted would be open to storing chimes.
 - Locker space should be available for us to use again. Drum set will be stored in the room.
- Steve spoke with John about making a donation for purchase of chimes
 - John is checking to see if he can get us a set for free. We would probably need to get a cover and mallets.
- Music for season has been purchased
 - Waiting for some stuff to come in.

Board Meeting Schedule:

- Next Meeting is Monday, October 16, 7:15pm @ Sharon Middle School

Motion to adjourn by Cathy; Seconded by Matt; Adjourned at 20:45 hours by unanimous consent.