

Sharon Bands Board Meeting Minutes
Location: Sharon Middle School
Monday, February 12, 2018 7:15 PM

Present: Matt Leftin, Cathy Hichens, June Blumenthal, George Mellman, Mark Freitas, Liz Catalano, Angela Woodward, Tom Lucci, Steve Bell
Absent: Al True
Other members present: Brandon Wenning

Call to order at 7:22pm. Co-Presidents Cathy Hichens and Matt Leftin presiding.

January minutes approved.

Liz Catalano, Angela Woodward, Charlie Piper appointed to the Board, terms expiring June 2019.

No new members for approval.

Ad book: Mark has ad book formatted in Microsoft Word for use in future concert programs. George to repeat appeal to members.

March rehearsals: March 1 & 8 only Middle School cafeteria is available, March 15 cannot use the building at all. For March 22 (dress rehearsal) school will not promise availability of stage, unsure if they will have completed breakdown from prior weekend musical.

George to book custodian for February vacation week rehearsal.

Jazzy Valentine: Mark reported small crowd but successful event, \$1100 profit. Lots of competing events (Valentine, Mardi Gras dances) appear to have impacted turnout. FAME promotion did not generate any sales. Mostly repeat and band-generated customers.

Night at the Opera Concert: Keep doors of hall closed during our warm-up, do not allow audience in early. PR already had old pricing, so staying with \$12/6 (\$15/9 at door). Will move to the \$12/7 (\$15/\$10 at door) pricing approved at last Board meeting for subsequent concerts.

Pops Concert at Lake Pearl: Mark to get old contract (May date) to Matt. Angela to do 30th anniversary centerpiece. Mark volunteered to do on-line tickets. Need producers.

New performances booked / pending: Foxhill April 24th @ 7pm (RSBB), Natick summer (RSBB) date TBD, Walpole July 31st @ 6:30pm (RSBB), Heights Crossing Brockton (RSBB) date TBD. Performance at Pappas Hospital for Children (SCB), Thursday June 14th through Steve Blumberg, details pending.

Norwood summer concerts celebrating 25th anniversary this year, Sharon Concert Band is one of only 2 bands who played their inaugural year.

Shortage of Concert Band opportunities for summer, only Norwood booked at present. Matt to work on prospecting some additional towns & opportunities. Franklin likely but does not book until March / April.

Treasurer's report: Jazzy Valentine came it at budget, musicians expense running on high side, Question on amount of ad book revenue, George to verify, other budget items in line with plan.

Web site: Glenn working on proposal for web site update. Would like to see a separate landing page / web identity for RSBB. Create a focus for people coming to our web site to hire our ensembles.

ACB license: Brandon Wenning volunteered to do SCB data collection for our ACB blanket ASCAP / BMI license, will co-ordinate with Bill Dube who covers the RSBB.

Full sections: Flute, 2nd & 3rd Trumpet, Sax sections are full at present, opening for 1 first trumpet. Need to develop a policy for wait list for full sections. Need tuba players, have none for East Weymouth. Also need drum set player for concert band. New players welcome to come to a rehearsal to check us out, but may need to go on wait list if section full. Cathy to summarize discussion points on managing wait list.

Discussion on dues, need to review at end of fiscal year.

Pops Concert: Steve contemplating a Disney theme.

Newsletter: Pops producers, Web site volunteers, welcome new Board members, announce there will be rehearsal February vacation week. Others who want items in newsletter should send information to Cathy.

Executive session discussion.

Next Board meeting March 12th. Future meetings will be 2nd Monday of every month.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12pm

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Freitas, Clerk