

Sharon Bands Board Meeting Minutes
Location: Sharon Middle School
Monday May 14, 2018 7:15 PM

Present: Cathy Hichens, Mark Freitas, Angela Woodward, Charlie Piper, Al True, Tom Lucci, June Blumenthal, Steve Bell
Absent: Matt Leftin, George Mellman, Liz Catalano
Other members present: Brian Mullen, Jess Sanchez

Call to order at 7:18pm. Co-President Cathy Hichens presiding.

April minutes approved.

Pops Concert (Jess and Brian producers): Need sound person, Steve to check with Speedy. Ticket taking will need more volunteers to handle brunch crowd and multiple entrances. Matt will get logistics info and ticket pricing options on Wednesday. Flyer also pending setting the ticket price. Angie to get Jess information for concert program. Cathy will handle the paper tickets. June will do presentation to band on flyer distribution. Mark to handle the Internet ticket sales & will call list. Angie to provide template for set-up & tear-down volunteers. Steve will provide template for band set-up chart. Open question on whether we offer brunch ticket "at cost" for band members. Do we do family-oriented Disney activity such as photo-ops with large cardboard cutouts, inflatable, or even dressed-up Disney characters? We have received an offer for a donation for Mickey Mouse ears, Cathy to follow-up. Will not do tee shirts. Summer shirts for both bands.

New member approval: none

Policy for closed sections: Having a section go one greater than capacity to accommodate replacing a member who leaves temporarily is acceptable, the replacement person can become a full member immediately. The policy will not have any musical ability restrictions on who can join the band, but we can recruit specifically for advanced players based on need.

Rehearsal next Thursday at Brockton HS can run until 10:15pm, Tom to ask RSBB members to be there a bit earlier than usual.

Alternate rehearsal locations: Brockton HS our preference, can use facility as long as Vinny is present. Can do RSBB-only if we know in advance Sharon Middle Scholl is not available, RSBB is more flexible on alternate locations as it does not have the equipment requirements of the Concert Band.

Irene Scott Award: Several nominations received, voted to make the award. Mark to handle doing the award logistics (certificate and citation).

Scholarship: Tom to follow up on Sharon grant and also recognition for graduating seniors who are band members.

July / August Board meetings: Move to July 16th (conflict with Natick gig on July 9th), and August 6th (so Steve can attend). Will try to have meetings at Mic Morgan's, Al to check availability.

Upcoming Board election: Expiring terms for Cathy, Matt, George, June and Mark. All are willing to return, but several are willing to give up their spot if a new person is interested. Cathy will solicit for possible interest in newsletter.

Treasurer's report: Forecast for remainder of the year looks strong, estimated we will have a surplus. Possibly can use upside to address refreshing the web site.

May newsletter content: Board election, promoting Pops, annual meeting June 21st, reminder on shirts and stands for Pops & summer.

Director's report: Concern on limited rehearsals to prepare for summer season, will need to work some summer material into ongoing rehearsal plan.

Next Board meeting July 16th. Following meeting is August 6th.

Meeting adjourned at 9:13pm

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Freitas, Clerk