MNCB Board meeting via Zoom Tuesday, January 9, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. Meeting ended at 8:27 p.m.

Present: Mary Arranz, Heather Gillin, Brian Gillin, Bonnie Strang, Deborah Newnham,

John Longacre, Peter Parashes, Ron Romoff, Kevin Sparks, Mike Farrell (later)

Agenda:

1. Treasurer's report: **Balance after December donations and music purchases**

**Is $9,150. This is more robust than in recent years.**

1. Concerts (brief recap of fall 2023 performances, and planning for 2024):

**Mistletoe Marketplace was well-received. 6-8 members played on 2 consecutive nights.**

**Lima Estates Dec. concert – well-received. Lots of positive comments from audience. Band played very well, according to conductors.**

**Beth Israel winter concert - @ 100-125 in attendance. Many said it was our best concert ever.**

            a)  retirement homes:

                Already have dates for **Lima Estates:  Tuesday, May 21 at 7:15**

**and Tuesday, Nov. 26  at 7:15**

Discussion concerning playing at Maris Grove. **They are booked for spring 2024. We would have to play there in 2025 but need to get on their calendar. MNCB needs to have video clip sent to them with other details, such as fee. It is suggested that we play in the Chapel because of better acoustics. Deb will do brief video/audio clip in the summer (based on copywrite issues, can be up to 10% of a piece). Sharon will be the contact person to submit the information to Maris Grove**.

b)  East Goshen Park – **Jason Lang, Director of Parks and Recreation for East Goshen, contacted Sharon (via Michele Truitt – flute) about MNCB playing there. He suggested the date of their Arts Festival – September 21. The board decided that since we do not rehearse in the summer, a full one-hour concert would not work for us. The board discussed that a possible June concert might work. Sharon will contact Jason with that information.**

             c)  How many do we wish to perform? – **Discussion involved mentioning concerts and small gigs the band already plays: National Night Out (Aug.), Massey House (Oct), July 4th parade, Lima Estates (winter and spring), Beth Israel (winter and spring). Also the fall rehearsal schedule is 4 rehearsals shorter than the spring one. Mary will contact Riddle Village for a spring 2024 concert, Sharon will contact Granite Farms for a fall/winter concert.**

1. Delco Community College - are we still interested in pursuing that?

**John Longacre will look into this.**

1. Social/Fundraiser – **The board decided to poll the band at the next rehearsal to see if there is interest in having this. It was suggested that food be like a “picnic” – with Wawa hoagies, etc. Suggestions for activities were: Quizzo with musical interludes by players who wish to perform duets, small groups, etc. The date of Saturday, March 16th was suggested. Once interest is confirmed, Sharon will ask for the use of the church hall.**
2. Website and Facebook- who is monitoring those? – **Brian is monitoring the website, and Heather (and possibly Carlia) are monitoring the Facebook page.**

    6)  Beth Israel concerts for 2024:

            a)  Spring concert is set for May 18, 2024

            b)  Winter concert - need to set date - Sharon will be away Dec 7. **The board decided to make the Beth Israel winter concert Saturday, December 14. This also allows for some band members to play at the Marple Tree Lighting ceremony, which is always held the 1st Saturday in December.**

7) Sound equipment - now stored in Sharon's garage.  Do we wish to keep this, or possibly sell it? **Discussion included mentioning that the equipment may be difficult to sell because of its age. Also, we don’t know if we might need the equipment for an outdoor event.**

8) Other matters? – **none mentioned**.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted January 12,2024

Sharon Reed

Secretary MNCB