

WHEATLAND MUSIC ORGANIZATION  
VIRTUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
JUNE 13, 2023

Board members present: Scott Cavner, Maria Reiser, Claudia Rey-Perry, Jo McLachlan, Kent Blackmer, Andy Munsch, Mary Ane Krum, Carrie Harris, John Reiser, Don Short, Jeff Baker, and Caroline Passariello

Guests: Greg Hoff, Jim McLachlan

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm by Chairperson Jeff Baker

Motion S. Cavner, seconded by A. Munsch, to approve the Consent Agenda No discussion. All in favor.

Communications: A request was received from a resident on the corner of M-66 & Pierce Rd for complimentary festival tickets. Much discussion followed. We currently have a designated area we give neighbor tickets to; and that is close to 300 tickets. Motion by D. Short, seconded by M. Krum, to deny their request and hold to our current system. All in favor.

Executive Director Report: Tickets have been selling very well to paid members. Tickets will go on sale June 19 to the general public. They will be available in the online store, mail order, and call in. Hopefully we will be sold out by the end of June.

Lola has talked with several software vendors and gotten 3 bids for new Database Software. Those bids have been sent to Claudia, Caroline, & Carrie to look at, and will hopefully be presented to the board for approval next month.

Lola has also been working on wrapping up TAW and doing some Summer Wheat Music Camp stuff.

Volunteer Committee: Recommendations were presented by the Volunteer Committee. New this year will be keeping track of hours a volunteer serves instead of days. Rewarding volunteers is long overdue. Giving a small appreciation gift to volunteers is also an option.

Bidding Policy: Currently, anything over \$500 would need to have 3 bids. The amount definitely needs to be raised. Lola recommends \$5000 be the amount over which bids need to be sought. Having a list of approved vendors who currently do work for us so that a bid doesn't need to be sought every time would be useful. Multi-year contracts would need to be reviewed periodically. Lola will pull together the suggestions and present a rough draft of the proposed policy to the board. At the discretion of the Executive Director, Ben will be given permission to hire Gitchel Tree Service for some work.

Board Governance: Meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of July. Marilyn's term is up this year so there will be at least one new board member to be chosen. If there is someone you would like considered as a possible board member; please let Jo know.

Misc:

*Rhythm Stage Conex.* Storage is needed for instruments and misc. items. They have used

borrowed trailers the last few years. S. Cavner made a motion asking for a maximum of \$5200 to purchase and setting of a conex at the Rhythm Stage. Seconded by J. McLachlan. All in favor.

*Wristbands, Apps, t-shirt designs:* Wristband and app designs are ok. The t-shirt that was presented was done by C&O Sportswear. There was some thought that a retro design would be used for this year. There was also another design shown that had been received and was well liked. Jo McLachlan will contact C&O and see if they have started printing the shirts yet. If he has started printing we will have him continue and use the new design as a special design.

*Summer Wheat Campfire.* Mecosta County no longer has burning restrictions and Marco has been running a sprinkler to wet the ground. He will check fire restrictions daily. More firewood is going to be needed in the future so Marco requested the tree cutting service leave them some wood.

*Finance:* It would be nice to update the credit card machine for t-shirts; or possibly add another one. The earnings from the new CD will more than cover the cost of new equipment. (Update: the credit card machine update will not happen until the fall)

Mercantile Bank has suggested we change our 2 savings accounts that could be changed to Money Market accounts that have higher interest rates. Motion made by C. Harris, seconded by S. Cavner, to move the savings accounts into Money Market accounts as recommended by the Finance Committee. All in favor.

*Donated Quilt:* Ann Kowaleski is donating a quilt she made to honor Elyce Fishman. The Scholarship Committee would like to hang the quilt in the Classroom Building. Motion by J. McLachlan, seconded by D. Short, to give them permission. All in favor. It was suggested there be a brief description or explanation of the significance of the quilt.

Motion to adjourn by S. Cavner, seconded by J. McLachlan. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned 8:12 pm.