

SCMB Board Meeting  
May 20, 2024  
6 p.m. South Junior High School

**MINUTES**

Present: John Plantenberg, John Creasy, Andy Nelson, Mike Knaak, Shelly Ziemer Gehrls, Harvey Binder, Katie Johnson, Joe Fox, Lowell Larson.

Absent: Patric Lewandowski.

The meeting was called to order by Shelly at 6 p.m.

Katie moved to approve the agenda. Approved on a unanimous vote.

Katie moved to approve the April 8 minutes. Approved on a unanimous vote.

Business Manager Joe Fox informed the board that he plans to step down from his position by the end of August. He will be living out of state for a part of the year. We want to have his replacement working in September. The board decided to send an email to all members asking if anyone is interested in the position. Mike commended Joe on his years of hard work for the band.

Upcoming concerts: There was a request to contact the VA about the stage size in the auditorium because the Memorial Day event will be indoors this year. Lowell wondered if we could sit on the floor instead of the cramped stage. The band will use the Showmobile for the July Fourth concert and Joe will ask about returning to our traditional location at the bottom of the hill now that water plant construction has finished.

Andy led a discussion recapping the Ambassadors program and Paramount concert. Six of 13 band directors responded to the initial email. When we repeat the Ambassadors program in the fall, we'll look for an additional means to communicate with the high schools. Joe reported that we sold 58 more concert tickets than the previous concert with an audience of 239. We made \$639. John P. mentioned the Sauk Rapids Musical Collective is looking for musicians.

Several Ambassadors have asked about joining the band during the summer. Currently members must be 18. We discussed amending our policy to allow high school students to join for the summer with permission of their high school band directors and if Municipal Band doesn't conflict with participation in high school groups.

Kai Friederichs, bass clarinet, has met the requirements for membership. John C. moved to offer him membership. Approved unanimously.

Joe, John P., Andy and Mike will be to do initial planning for the band's Breakfast Club presentation on Sept. 11 at Stearns History Museum.

John P. discussed the ACB fundraising webinars and offered some suggestions for refining our mission statement and strategic goals to motivate people to provide financial support. Members discussed various fundraising opportunities including a veterans program, ensemble concerts, supporting high school band programs and possible new venues for summer concerts.

The next meeting is 6 p.m. July 1 at Tech High School.

Mike moved adjournment at 6:55 p.m.