

**SCMB Board Meeting**  
**March. 11, 2024**  
**6 p.m. Tech High School**

Present: John Plantenberg., John Creasy, Andy Nelson, Mike Knaak, Shelly Ziemer Gehrls, Patric Lewandowski , Lowell Larson, Harvey Binder.

Not present: Katie Johnson, Joe Fox.

Patric called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

The agenda was amended to remove the financial report and add a new member report. Shelly moved to approve the agenda followed by a unanimous vote.

John C. moved to approve the Jan. 14 minutes followed by a unanimous vote.

Shelly was nominated to fill the open vice president position. The board approved the nomination unanimously.

Andy reported on the Ambassadors program. Six schools nominated 15 students. Students are from St. John's Prep, St. Cloud Christian School, Cathedral, Tech and Milaca high schools. Andy recommended that we accept the group. Andy will contact the students and send them music and rehearsal information. The students will join us for the April 15 rehearsal.

Mike reported that we are waiting to hear from CMAB on a grant to support next fall's Ambassadors.

John C. moved that we approve flute player Kayla Ragatz as a band member after she meet the minimal requirements. Andy, Joe and Janelle Binsfeld approved. John C. moved followed by a unanimous vote to accept Kayla.

The board discussed the committee proposal. Each board member, except the president, will serve on a committee to act as liaison to the board. Patric commented that the committees provide continuity as board members change and it creates buy-in from band members. The committees and board members are: Fundraising (John P.); Library (Shelly with Bernice); Music (conductors, Katie and Wayne Kuehl); Marketing (Mike with Paul); Site Management (John C.) Social (Harvey). The plan should be sent to the band, ask people to serve and then formalize structure and duties.

Mike reported on the Association of Concert Bands online training covering strategic planning and fundraising. Outlines from the sessions and weblinks to the videos were shared.

The next meeting is 6 p.m. April 8 at Tech.

John C. moved to adjourn followed by unanimous approval.