

Board Meeting: 6/26

MSU Baird Conference Room, 3pm

Present: John Viton, Ewell Scott, Don Grant, Jennifer Cooper, Phil Martin, Sharon Jackson, Mark Minor, Curt Hammond

Absent: Priscilla Gotsick, David Oyen, Clyde James, Suanne Blair

- Minutes from last meeting approved. Motion to approve by Martin, seconded by Grant.
- Treasurer report: Current balance \$41,284.49
Bill pending on risers - Viton to check on this
- AAC report (Viton): Proposal for musician pay and Blair String Hiring Proposal.
Concerns- Ask for MSU faculty to voluntarily donate musician pay back to the orchestra for the Christmas concert (Hammond).
 - The musician budget continues to increase for each concert. We need to balance an acceptable quality of musicians with amount of money raised (Scott).
 - As the MSU string program grows, we may be able to reduce the string budget (Scott).
 - If fundraising/ticket sales continue to increase we should survive past year 3 (Scott).

Total concert expense: \$6400 (for personnel and music)

Blair \$3700 proposal: Motion to approve by Martin. Approved by all, one abstained.

Proposal for MSU Faculty Musician Pay: Motion to approve by Minor, seconded by Grant. Approved by all.

Motion to approve \$6400 total budget (per concert) for personnel, conductor, and music fees: Motion to approve by Viton, seconded by Hammond. Approved by all.

- Old Business:
 - Dinner Dance: Wait to discuss with new MSU personnel. Possibility of February event.
 - Advertisements for concert programs due by Aug. 10 (to Catherine Rogers)
 - Fundraising: Whitaker (Martin) and US Bank (Grant) pending
 - Risers: Material cost approx. \$1500
Will also need steps and a railing on the back for chairs.
 - Brochures: Draft pending
 - Blue Grass Community Group – way to reach more potential donors (Scott).
 - Ways to increase donors: St. Claire's, Rowan County School Board, and MSU are the major employers in the region. We need to investigate ways to reach all of these people (Scott).
Jackson to check into options for contacting all MSU employees – will bring to August meeting.
Scott suggests dedicating a concert/season to a family member (Hammond -next meeting).
- M.C. for September concert. Possible MSU alum or region celebrity.
- Next meeting: Monday August 11th 7pm
- Meeting adjourned 4:50pm