

Central Ohio Brass Band – Board Meeting 1/25/09

Lori Auman-Seymour, Mike Porretta, Dani Wadkins, Andy Wolf, Jessica Sneeringer, Pat Herak, Paul Droste

Absent:

Steve Bechtel

Meeting called to Order @ 2:23 by Lori Auman-Seymour

Reports

President's Report: Lori Auman-Seymour

- Columbus Foundation grant: Lori was interviewed as a part of the grant process. COBB will find out the amount of the grant at some point in February.

Vice President's Report: Pat Herak

- Pat is continuing to work on a simplified Scrip card reference sheet for COBB members.
- Ordered 5 COBB and 5 OBAF banners since the currency rates are favorable.
- Pat spoke with Dr. Addleson, who is the interim head of Ohio State's School of Music. Dr. Addleson suggested that Pat might want to get in touch with Kathy Hope Cunningham as an effort to include more local schools in brass bands.
- The Ohio Brass Band will be on hiatus until a need arises for such a group.

Treasurer's Report– Andy Wolf

- The COBB/OBAF bank account balance is \$7,040.63, of which \$2,425.17 belongs to OBAF, leaving \$4,615.46 for COBB.
- NABBA dues are mostly paid—only about \$200 will be due on the Friday of NABBA weekend.
- Incoming money:
 - \$40 in CD sales
 - \$280 in member dues
- Outgoing money:
 - \$2,800 for a new percussion trailer—earmarked for Scott Geyer

- \$41.85 for new concert programs to be reimbursed to Mike Porretta
- \$1,200 for the first part of the NABBA fees
- \$103.50 for a Scrip order
- \$13.20 for stamps (\$8.40) and shipping (\$4.80) for NABBA registration
- Andy Wolf and Emily Keller are informally auditing last year's financial records

Minutes—Dani Wadkins

- Lori motioned that the previous meeting's minutes be accepted; Jessica Sneeringer seconded. All were in favor.

Artistic Director's Report—Jessica Sneeringer

- Jessica is going to continue to stress the importance of rehearsal attendance, since the attendance for fall rehearsals was not very strong
- We are currently working on scheduling our summer concerts and procuring music for our summer repertoire.
- There has been some interest in attending the US Open with COBB in 2009; Jessica is concerned that it might be too much for COBB in addition to NABBA, plus it will be costly to take two trips per year. Jessica and Lori will work together to poll the band for interest in attending either the US Open, NABBA or both.

OBAF:

- The OBAF committee will be meeting on 1/26/09.
- The scheduling of OBAF 2009 is nearly complete.
- Pat Campbell is working on getting boxed lunches to sell at the event, Lori is working on coordinating volunteers for registration and other tasks, Andy Seymour is responsible for coordinating information to be sent out to local schools, and George Zonders is managing Public Relations.
- Pat spoke with Dr. Addleson about the possibility of hosting OBAF in 2010; Dr. Addleson is pleased to host OBAF at OSU in 2010 as well. He would like to schedule it during the school quarter, so that more OSU and other college ensembles and students may participate.
- We would like to focus on ways to increase audience size throughout the performance day.

Old Business:

- Uniforms:
 - The board has decided to order two samples of both dress shirts for the women and vest/neckties for the men. Lori will order shirts from both Land's End and Carefree Casuals; Andy will order vests/neckties in two different shades from Classic Collection.
 - Our goal is to be wearing our new uniforms no later than March 1st, 2009. Dress for the St. John's concert will remain concert black.
- The board has set the following goals for 2009 and beyond:
 - Instrument purchase goal—E-flat tuba
 - Expanding board to include non-band members
 - Start another CD project
 - More participation from band in volunteer opportunities.
 - Pat will create a task list detailing the opportunities for which COBB members may volunteer
 - Poll members for skills and talents with which they may contribute to building COBB into a successful organization
 - 5 stand banners purchased per year
 - Work towards purchasing European stands to which the banners may be easily clipped.
- Pat will submit an ad for the NABBA bridge publication for the new COBB CD.

New Business:

- Lori has requested that the board make informal "job descriptions" before the next board meeting so that we can share with COBB what each of our responsibilities are.

Pat Herak made a motion that the meeting be adjourned; Lori seconded. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 1:27 PM.