

Minnesota Valley Community Band

Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, April 14, 2025

Chanhassen, MN

In attendance:

President – Linda Aaberg

Director at large – Ann Decker

Director at large – Lucy Davis

Secretary – Marcia Michalik

Treasurer – Ishpreet Singh Kohli

Guests – Larry Kennedy, Bri King

Agenda:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of last meeting minutes
- III. Topics raised by attendees (15 minutes)
 - a) Nick's proposal - commission
 - b) Website work
- IV. Treasurer's report
- V. Fundraising Committee Report – Ann
- VI. Promotion Committee Report – Lucy
- VII. New Business
 - a) Google calendar – Ishpreet
 - b) Using MVCB email accounts – Ishpreet
 - c) Member confusion about roles of board members – Lucy
 - d) Correct procedure for answering member questions - Ann
- VIII. Old Business - None
- IX. Closed door discussions – None
- X. Adjourn

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- I. The meeting was called to order by President Linda at 4:04 pm
 - II. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the March meeting as submitted.

M – Ann

S – Lucy

Motion passed

- III. Nick's proposal – Nick had send an email about the possibility of the band joining in commissioning a work by Erika Svanoe. We discussed this briefly and are interested. Nick was unable to attend this meeting, so we will add this as an agenda item for our May board meeting.

Website work – Larry gave us some details regarding the work that has been underway on the existing website. He and Ishpreet need to get together to reset the owner email from Larry's personal email to the band email address and then get access to the website development side for Ishpreet and Bri. It is cost effective to stay on this website because it is relatively inexpensive, it gives us what we need – with some limitations – and it has the ability to associate 1000 free emails to it. Limitations - currently we cannot link to google docs from this site. The calendar link asks for cookies when accessed on an iPhone. The members section would have to be html only. *Marcia needs to remember to send meeting agendas and minutes to Larry to be posted on the website.*

Research on website alternatives – Bri had done research into alternatives for hosting the website, specifically WIX. She indicated that this platform would allow us to have 5 collaborators. It has a nicer calendar, could support a private 'members only' section, and has analytics. It also allows up to 50 gig of data. It is, in her opinion, more user-friendly, sustainable and customizable. The cost is \$29/month. The calendar function is free for one year, but then would be an additional \$5.99/month. It does NOT

have the ability to add email addresses. *After some discussion, we asked Bri to see if there was non-profit pricing available, and also look into the cost for emails.*

Bri also suggested using Google Sites for the members-only section, then Ishpreet suggested using Google Sites for the entire website. The cost is \$7/month, we could keep our current domain name. *Bri is going to look further into this.*

With regard to our current website, it was suggested that we replace the current photo with one that does not include Barry as the director. We will be retaking photos with Nick and Sam in May.

IV. Treasurer's Report – Ishpreet

Report had been distributed prior to the meeting, there were no additional comments. A motion was made to approve the financials as submitted.

M – Marcia S – Lucy Motion passed

V. Fundraising Committee – Ann

- We did receive a donation from O'Brien Dental
- The committee is contacting VFW's and American Legions in eastern Carver
- River City Days will be celebrating its 40th anniversary in the summer of 2026. There is a new lead for that event, Marissa Held Nordling. We had a brief discussion about whether we would perform if invited, generally agreed that we would.

VI. Promotion Committee - Lucy

- Lucy noted some emails were returned undeliverable when she last sent out an email from the band account. Ishpreet made corrections on the Contacts.
- A poster template has been created that can be used in the absence of a concert-specific one, or in addition to that. It will be used for the summer concerts and include ALL summer concerts
- Lucy has started a database of contacts for mailings, includes area band directors. We will continue to add organizations and individuals to this list. We could use a QR code to link to the Google form to let people sign up for mailings.
- Mound/Westonka will be doing renovations on their building until 2027
- Cindy will be printing the May programs, expected expense is \$25

VII. New Business

- a) Google calendar – Ishpreet has created a Google calendar that we could distribute to the band. He will separate this into 3 calendars and resend those to the board to make sure that works
- b) MVCB emails for board - HOLD for now
- c) Roles of board members – some discussion about either telling the band who does what on the board, or sending out an email. In general, band members should contact ANY board member with questions and the board will make sure it gets to the right person to answer.
- d) Also, with regard to answering questions, in general committee questions should go to the board member in charge of the committee rather than to committee members, as the board chair has the most complete and current information

VIII. Old Business – none

IX. Closed door discussions – none

X. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

M – Ishpreet S – Marcia Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Michalik
Secretary

Next meeting: Monday, May 19, 4:30 Chanhassen Library