

## Minnesota Valley Community Band

Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, July 21, 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

Music Director – Nick Hansberry (non-voting)

Guests - None

### Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of last meeting minutes
- III. Topics raised by attendees (15 minutes)
- IV. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Standard budget update
  - b. Early 2026 budget proposal (director's salary, music, fundraisers)
  - c. Belle Plaine Fall Festival schedule and payment
  - d. Fiscal year change to end in August to align with school year (1128, 990-EZ, bylaws - no MN forms)
- V. Director Topics
- VI. Fundraising Committee Report – Ann
- VII. Promotion Committee Report – Lucy
- VIII. New Business
  - a. River City Days 2026 – Ann
  - b. Who can/should do summer scheduling? Linda
  - c. Acknowledging sponsors verbally if no program
- IX. Old Business
  - a. Swanoe commissioned work – payment due by August 1, 2026. Do we have a reminder on this?
  - b. Do we need a motion to move to Google for our website? When would we do this?
- X. Closed door discussions - None
- XI. Adjourn

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- I. The meeting was called to order by President Linda at 4:01pm
  - II. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the May meeting as submitted.

M – Marcia                  S – Lucy                  Motion passed

- III. Topics raised by attendees – None
  - a. Discussion about Thursday concert – 4:30 rain call, 5:20 call, 6:00 Dixieland Band, 6:20 full band start; city will provide 38 chairs, so we need to ask band members to bring a chair if possible
- IV. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Ishpreet had distributed financials in advance of the meeting. Financials as of June 30 look good – income up about \$5000. We are close to having enough funds to open an additional \$5K CD in September. A motion was made to accept 6/30 financials as presented.

M – Ann                  S – Marcia                  Motion passed
  - b. 2026 Budget – Ishpreet distributed the budget in advance of the meeting. Overall revenue about the same, expenses down as we have less in rental space with fewer concerts. Paul Swanson is trying to get the fee waived for the Mach concert we are doing with the school.

A motion was made to increase the salaries of the director and associated director to \$125/event and \$2,500/year respectively, effective October 2025.

M – Ishpreet      S – Ann      Motion passed

- c. Belle Plaine festival – Our fee is \$450. Concert is Saturday, September 20, 1:00 – 3:00. Dixieland band will play first. In Nick's absence, Sam will direct this concert. We will have rehearsal the Monday prior.
- d. Ishpreet recommended that we change our fiscal year to follow the school year rather than the calendar year. After some discussion we agreed that the fiscal year will run October 1 – September 30. In terms of reporting, 2025 will be a short year, ending September 30, 2025. A motion was made to change the fiscal year to October 1 – September 30.

M – Marcia      S – Lucy      Motion passed

NOTE: When doing bylaw changes, we should remove the reference to a 'concert season.'

V. Director Topics

- a. Nick will be emailing a summer survey to gather input
- b. Nick would like to avoid performances in August if at all possible, we all agreed.
- c. Paul Swanson had brought up performing at Lake Anne – the space is too small
- d. Ishpreet gave Nick access to the band Google calendars
- e. Nick mentioned that he would like to make better use of the 'substitution' list that he is compiling to fill spots that he knows are going to be open for a specific concert

VI. Fundraising – Ann

- a. Ann has four renewal letters going out
- b. The committee has a new organization fundraising letter. She will change the wording 'It costs approximately \$1,750 to fund an entire concert cycle' to be '\$2,000.'

VII. Promotions – Lucy

- a. Since our website had been renewed through April 26, the plan is to begin moving onto Google in January.
- b. Bri has taken ownership of producing a full schedule poster
- c. We had a discussion regarding purchasing additional signage that would be used primarily the day of summer concerts. Lucy had done some research and identified a plastic hinged sign board that had either blackboard or would take snap-in letters. Small size (24 wide) is \$170, large size (37 wide) is \$250. While there was interest, we decided to table any further discussion and any decision for the time being.
- d. Lucy has been working with a resource who works on the online Carver County local news. The woman is preparing an article on the band. Lucy has found her to be helpful. In the absence of local newspapers, this would be a good source of publicity.

VIII. New Business

- a. River City Days – Ann will continue to work with the coordinator on this for 2026
- b. Summer scheduling – Nick would like to take on more of the work behind summer scheduling
- c. We agreed it was nice to verbally acknowledge sponsors when there is no printed program, but didn't feel it was required

IX. Old Business

- a. Svanoe commission payment isn't due until August 2026.
- b. Move to Google website already discussed

X. Closed door discussions

- a. We agreed that we would like to do a review of the directors during our next meeting.

XI. A motion was made to adjourn; the meeting was adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

M – ishpreet      S – Ann      Motion passed

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcia Michalik  
Secretary