

Minnesota Valley Community Band

Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, May 19, 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
 - V. Director Topics
 - a. Commissioned work by Erika Svanoe
 - b. 2025 concert/rehearsal dates (Jon email)
 - c. March concert specifically
 - d. Nick's 'rain plan'
 - VI. Fundraising Committee Report – Ann
 - VII. Promotion Committee Report – Lucy
 - VIII. New Business
 - a. Commissioning a piece by a Native American composer
 - b. River City Days 2026
 - IX. Old Business
 - a. Continuing discussion on website - Ishpreet
 - X. Closed door discussions - None
 - XI. Adjourn
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- I. The meeting was called to order by President Linda at 4:32 pm
- II. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the April meeting as submitted.

M – Ann S – Marcia Motion passed

- III. Topics raised by attendees – None

- IV. Treasurer's Report – Ishpreet
 - a) The CD that matured in May was rolled for another year.
 - b) No other specific comments on financials. We are in good shape.

A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report.

M - Marcia S – Lucy Motion passed

- V. Director Topics - Nick
 - a) Commissioned work: We had agreed at the last meeting that the Board was in favor of this, so there was brief discussion. The piece by Erika Svanoe, A Christmas Carol, will be released in September, 2026, to those members of the consortium. **Cost is \$250, due by August 1, 2026.** It is level 4 music and includes a video to be played during performance of the piece.

- b) Rehearsal/concert schedule: there was discussion confirming rehearsal and concert dates for the 2025-2026 period – all will be included on the band calendar. Rehearsal dates will be on a 'Members Only' calendar, but available to the public.
- c) March concert: We agreed that in place of our own concert in March, 2026, we would play as part of a concert with the Chanhassen High School band. This concert is Thursday, March 5.
- d) Rain plan: Nick's plan is to cancel a concert due to rain ONE HOUR PRIOR TO 'CALL' TIME. So, for instance, if the concert is 7pm and 'call' is 6pm, he would make the decision and communicate at 5pm. Nick is going to send out a text reminder that we can sign up for, to make sure we get the text communication regarding cancellation.

VI. Fundraising Committee – Ann

- a) There was discussion about what the committee's current fundraising goal should be – minimum of \$2,000, \$8,000 would allow us to potentially put money into another CD
- b) The committee had some new ideas:
 - i) Matching Funds – set up agreement with a sponsor to match whatever the band may be able to raise. Decided to NOT go after band members at this time.
 - ii) Board Challenge – board donates and amount and asks band members to match it. Decided to keep this for a time when it may really be needed.
 - iii) Online fundraiser – Facebook? Again decided against asking band for donations at this time
 - iv) Band Booster Club – didn't get into details on this
- c) Overall, we recommended the committee focus on renewing donations and keeping existing relationships strong as opposed to actively looking for new sources of donations, given our current favorable financial situation

VII. Promotion Committee – Lucy

- a) Kelly J has moved post covid (2021) concerts to YouTube. We should reach out to the band and ask if anyone has recordings prior to that – if so, they should go to Kelly and she will upload them
- b) Lucy has emails for band directors and some senior living facility directors, looking to add to that with anyone who would like to receive email notification of concerts.
- c) Committee is also looking for photos that band members may want to share.
- d) Discussed creating a Google doc that could be distributing asking for any of those 3 items
- e) May programs – printed 125 copies, had 16 left. We felt attendance at the May concert had been good!

VIII. New Business

- a) Commissioning a piece by a Native American composer – tabled for a future meeting
- b) River City Days planning for 2026 – as a Board we agreed that we would look into getting back into River City Days. Ann will take that to her committee.

IX. Old Business

- a) Website: Comparison of our available options

	Current	WIX	Google
Number of admins	1	5	1
Cost	\$20/mo	\$29/mo	\$7/mo
Calendar	Free	\$6/mo	Free but need work-around to make Members Only
Aliases (emails)	1,000	0	30

It appears that Google would be a good option for us and it makes it easier to integrate some of the Google docs we are already using. Makes sense to switch over towards the end of the period that we've already paid on our current site. Need to check with Larry to see when renewal data is – he may have just renewed us for another year in April. Also need to check with Larry to see how comfortable he is in working within the Google framework.

X. Closed Door Discussions – None

XI. Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

M – Ann

S – Ishpreet

Motion passed

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Michalik
Secretary

Next meeting:

Monday, JULY 21 4:00, Chanhassen Library (Library room has been reserved for 4-6pm)