

MCB Officer's Meeting Minutes October 10, 2025

- Present: Dave Ryan, Robert Schwartz, Samuel Strong, Tom Scripture, Sara Ann Emerson
- Absent: None
- Next Meeting: November 7, 2025

- New Business
 - Great job on website updates!
 - Gym Inventory at GUMC (no longer applicable to us in the short term)
 - Financial Update (\$4496 balance, met our goal for Angel Tree with a surplus - \$453. We overpaid GUMC in July by \$75 due to rehearsing only 4 hours - \$50 charge, instead of 5-10 hours - \$125 charge, as normal. Robert will deduct \$75 from our next payment to GUMC.)

- Old Business
 - Non-Officer Positions
 - Off-site (transportation) logistics - Now Vacant (We will just go back to using Uhaul for now - if someone has an enclosed trailer that doesn't mind us using it, we will revisit.)
 - Hospitality Update - Dave (Rhonda has agreed to lead this charge, in a couple of weeks, she will come to rehearsal and give her "vision" for the reception after the Christmas concert and have sign-ups, etc.)
 - Review of By-Laws (Round 2) - Robert will send out the document again
 - Addition of Digital Media/Graphic Arts Committee (We don't need to specifically add this committee)
 - Student/Youth Representative updates
 - Move General Meeting to Q3 (voted on, approved by unanimous vote)
 - Liability Insurance Update - Dave (Dave talked with MCCO - Natalie Fraser and will get more specifics from her soon. It would be good to have insurance on all of our assets, regardless of the church's requirements.)
 - Band Newsletter (Will discuss more next month - no local groups have sent out anything since Sara Ann subscribed in August. Dave suggested subscribing to Allentown and other prominent community ensembles throughout the country.)
 - Rehearsal and Storage Location Options - Updates? (Asbury is not an option. Robert suggested Mt. Zion Baptist upon their new addition being complete.)
 - Income Sources
 - Tom - American Legion Donation Update (Post 229 donated \$500 and will continue to donate \$500 annually. Tom also received an additional \$100 donation from a post 229 member. He will deliver a thank you note signed by the officers at their next meeting. He will also ask the post if they would like to be thanked publicly on our website.)
 - Sponsorships - Do we want to pursue? (Will discuss more at a future meeting)
 - Membership Growth - what is the vision for our membership? (We are quite big already - vision is to have a low-stress place for people to play, while having enough people to cover parts week to week regardless of personnel absences)

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- Band Assets - current and future? (Inventory of our physical assets - mainly percussion equipment, etc. to be done soon - potentially over Christmas break.)
- Performance Opportunities
 - Downtown Madison, Memorial Day Patriotic Concert 2026 Update - Tom (Post 229 agreed for us to have a Patriotic Concert in downtown Madison following the Memorial Day Commemoration Ceremony.)
 - Chattanooga – Aquarium, Coolidge Park 2026 - Dave (Will reach out in January)
 - Other opportunities? - Sara Ann has contacts at Orion and could reach out (Will reach out and see what they might be able to offer)
- Graphic Arts and Digital Media Committee - Haleigh has been invited to 11/7 meeting to give an update
 - Purpose and scope of the committee long term - based on membership or? (Just reiterating that in the long term if the committee ceases to exist, there will be digital spaces/things that will need to be stewarded somehow. The roles and purpose of the committee may change over time based on who is active.)
 - Other forms of digital media - something to explore (We will be looking to start an Instagram account, this will be connected to the Facebook page and anything that Brian Cobb posts to the Facebook will be mirrored. This will help reach a younger audience.)