

Anoka Brass Band Assn. Board Meeting  
Saturday, Nov. 13, 2020  
Mandarin Buffet, Coon Rapids, after rehearsals

Present: Lori, Jerry, Donna, Mike, Gordy, & Eric Anderson  
Absent: none

Minutes:

1. Gordy talked with David Peterson about his continuing First-Call status and Lee Dummer having been invited to be a First-Call player, too. David was pleased with the Board's direction that Gordy presented. Somewhat related "issues" were noted with how names and honorees are listed in the program. Outcomes regarding all of these:
  - Gordy, David, and Ric will all have their original chair noted as "Founders Chairs" in all future programs, regardless of whether they are living or deceased.
  - The David Peterson Founders Chair will be the solo (first chair) euphonium chair, presently Eric Anderson's spot. The chair sponsorship from David's family will be listed under that chair.
  - The "Founders Chair" and existing "Memorial Chair" designations will be listed in the program/roster between the respective instrument and current player's names.
2. The Board favored investing into a 3rd baritone to be owned by the band. The current 3rd baritone we're using is on loan from the Sheldon Theatre Brass Band. Eric will research models and pricing.
3. Like the Steering Committee last Saturday, the Board discussed the possibility of funding part or all of a 2nd bus for the 2022 England trip. No decision could be made given the lack of a precise/final cost figure for the trip and the lack of information about the cost of a 2nd bus -- both of which have been requested but not yet provided.
4. Item 3 above led to discussion of the band's finances in general and a concern about it being all too easy to say "we have plenty of money" when looking at the question of any individual proposed expense. The Board discussion raised the importance of knowing a current projected year-end balance and resisting less-than-fully-informed decisions on spending when, instead, a full-picture context of the finances is essential for such decisions.
5. The Board continued the Steering Committee's discussion of adding rehearsal time to ensure that we're sufficiently prepared both for the March concerts and the upcoming England trip. Chris will communicate the complete, updated schedule once Chuck Lazarus & Dean Sorenson's availability in February is solidified.
6. The Board discussion briefly side-swiped the topic repertoire decisions for England. The Music Committee's work on that lies ahead and Chris will send out a list of what should currently be in all band members' folders.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris