

Columbia Concert Band Board Meeting Minutes –July 12, 2004

President's report:

Roger was out of town so Maurice facilitated the meeting.

Treasurer's report:

Maurice presented a Cash Flow Report for our checking account from 9/1/03 through 7/14/04. Our cash outflow exceeded our cash inflow by \$749.00. We still have \$5000.00 in savings so we are OK. Our biggest expenses our music, salaries and room rental. Rehearsal space fees alone were \$3985.65 for this time period. We will also have many expenses associated with community band day in the very near future.

New Business:

FunTones, the company that had agreed to record community band day has backed out of the gig. Mike Blackman will look into other options for recording. Our hope was to provide each band with a recording of their performance.

Jodi and Maurice will be meeting with representatives from the Howard County Arts Council on July 14, 2004 to discuss the grant for which we have applied.

*******Possible Dues Increase – in order to keep up with our expenses the board is considering raising the dues by \$10.00 annually. This would make the dues for a band member \$60.00 a year. All of the other categories for membership would be adjusted accordingly. The dues have been \$50.00 for at least the last 15 years. Please, if you have any concerns about this or have any ideas for increasing our revenue to keep up with our expenses feel free to share them. You can email the board at: columbiaband-board@yahoo.com.**

Old Business:

Things are getting a little better with the rehearsal room accommodations, we love the air conditioning and the large space but we still have the locked bathroom issue. We spoke to the night custodian at the end of rehearsal and Mike will email the Assistant Principal at the school to again clarify our needs.

Columbia Band Day plans are going well. We currently have a gap in the performance schedule as a result of one band canceling. Maurice will be calling the bands that are scheduled for later in the day to see if we can all move up one hour. So there is a chance that we will perform at 7PM instead of 8 PM. We will keep you posted.

Meeting adjourned – oops, I forgot to look at my watch.