

Saint Francis Brass Band Annual Meeting

January 26, 2025

The meeting began at Saint Francis United Methodist Church at 3:33 pm with twenty (20) members present.

President Dave Koch explained the purpose of and requirement for an annual meeting. Dave recognized Doug Amaxopoulos for his service to the band and John Morrison as music director. Dave also recognized the members of the board. Dave then had the board members make brief reports.

Jake Mulford, the Performances coordinator, advised that the band would play at Stonebridge in February, at SFUMC morning service in April, and at the Carolina Brass Band Festival at the end of May.

Wendy Armstrong and John Wakeford serve as SFUMC Liaisons. The relationship with the church continues to be good. Wendy advised that the church would not be available for rehearsal on March 16, 2025.

Jeff Eichen reported on Communications. He will be emailing the members soon to again work on creating a cell phone text group which can be used to communicate information on short notice.

Librarian John Roth advised that 95 pieces of music have been scanned. Band members were polled on the possibility of members printing their own music or downloading the music to tablets to relieve the librarian of the burden of printing music. Jeff will include that question in his group email to go out soon. John advised that he is emailing band members no later than Thursday of each week as to the music they will need for the following Sunday's rehearsal.

Secretary/Treasurer Neil Smith reported the current checking account balance is \$331.35. Invoices are still outstanding to The Templeton and Jordan Oaks. Dave reminded everyone that with the band having tax exempt status, donations to the band are tax deductible.

Vice President Chuck Moore advised that he is monitoring attendance so that any issues with member participation can be addressed.

Three board members' terms expired in January 2025: Jeff Eichen, John Wakeford, and Neil Smith. All three are eligible for re-election and have expressed a willingness to continue to serve on the board. Jim Hodge moved that the three be re-elected to the board for three-year terms and Ken Dodson seconded the motion. Dave asked for any discussion, and there being none proceeded to a vote. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dave then asked Wendy to speak on a proposed benefit concert in March 2025. Wendy advised that Sunday, March 23, and Sunday, March 30, were available. The church is holding a mission's event on March 30 and the concert could potentially be part of that. The band members indicated support for the proposal. Wendy will work with the church to get more details. John Morrison proposed that if we play the benefit concert on March 30, we take out the rehearsal on March 16 and add a rehearsal on March 23. That would also solve the problem of the church being unavailable for rehearsal on March 16.

Dave also informally polled the band members about whether the band would consider performance dates other than Sunday afternoons. Some senior facilities do not have activities on Sundays, such as Glenaire. With the members' other commitments, the most likely dates would be on Friday evenings or Saturdays. Jake will check to see if this creates any performance opportunities.

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn and the general meeting adjourned at 3:58 pm.

A brief meeting of the SFBB Board immediately followed with the following members in attendance: Dave Koch, Chuck Moore, Neil Smith, Wendy Armstrong, John Wakeford, John Roth, Jeff Eichen, Jake Mulford, Daniel Fenton, John Morrison, and Doug Amaxopoulos. John Wakeford moved that the proposed minutes from the board meeting on January 7, 2025, be approved; the motion was seconded by Jeff Eichen and unanimously approved. John Wakeford then moved that the current officers be continued for 2025; that motion was seconded by Jeff Eichen and unanimously approved. The officers for 2025 are: Dave Koch, President; Chuck Moore, Vice-President; and Neil Smith, Secretary-Treasurer. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm.