

MWS Board Meeting 3/3/26

Minutes prepared by Amy Chambers

Call to order: It is 6:51 p.m. Present, we have Susie Dugger, Pete Wofford, Roger Pace, Amy Chambers, David Chipman, and Carol Chipman, with Barry Trobaugh on the phone. Neelam Jain and Lauren Williams-Miller arrived later.

April Performance: Munford Concert on Tuesday April 28, 2026. Barry will confirm with Meghan at Munford, and Susie will handle the contract.

Legal/Copyright/Permission issues: All agreed that arrangers need to have legal permissions before we rehearse or perform derivative works.

Politics:

Carol addressed Sondra and Roger Tucker's email. Carol, David, Susie, Roger, and Pete expressed that we should leave politics out of the MWS. Barry wanted to leave musical selection up to the musical director. Most of the board expressed that censoring music is a slippery slope.

Amy agreed that the intention of the MWS is not to make political statements with music. Amy also noted that God Bless the USA is traditionally a patriotic tune, but it also emits partisan vibes right now. Amy reminded us of Jeff's email

that the band has been playing the piece since the 80's. Amy commented that other groups don't play the same music every year. She recommended choosing a different tune.

Lauren commented on the complex issue and explained that there was a fine line.

The general consensus is that we should leave musical selection up to the musical director.

Percussion section: We need to fill out our percussion section. Board members need to brainstorm ways to attract qualified percussionists.

Sponsorship: Barry has a lead on a potential sponsorship from Edward Jones. Amy said she would email Barry the sponsorship benefits packet.

Presenting Financial Information: Also, we discussed how to present financial information to the band. Most board members and Barry wanted to tell band members that they can ask for details if they want them. Amy wanted to list the document with expense and income categories on the website.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:25.