

Purpose

The Old Dam Community Band is a non-profit organization of area musicians of all abilities. It offers members an opportunity to play and perform for personal satisfaction and public enjoyment. The band is dedicated to providing a cultural experience for the community, promoting civic pride, musical entertainment, and patriotism.

History

The Old Dam Community Band was formed during the winter months of 2000. Dan and Terri Schultz invited community members to gather informally at their home and at the Old Lock and Dam Building in order to play music together. Enough interest was shown by area people who wanted to dust off their old instruments that by spring-time the group had enough members to formally form a band. Since the Old Lock and Dam Building was a convenient place to meet, the name of the band was obvious, and a bit of fun as well. Since there was no other community band in the area (that met on a regular basis), the band attracted members from a 50 mile radius. A complete history of the band is available on the website.

Funding

The Old Dam Community Band does not charge any fees for membership or performance. Funding is provided by donations from members, local organizations and grants.

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www.olddamband.com.



Member Handbook



"The Old Dam Community Band is a volunteer organization founded on February 29, 2000 for the purpose of playing concert band music for recreation and community service."

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Membership

Membership is open to any person, regardless of musical ability, wishing to play a concert band instrument. There are no auditions or membership fees. Weekly practices are currently held at Castle Jr. High School in Newburgh, IN. on Tuesdays from 7PM until 9PM. Members must bring their own instruments. Chairs music stands, and sheet music are provided. Member should own a sturdy music stand and folding chair for performances, however. No formal dues are required, but free-will donations of \$1 or \$2 are requested at each practice attended, in order to help provide for band expenses.

Member Conduct

The band practices and performs in public, using public facilities. It is the responsibility of each individual to act in a manner that reflects well upon the band, to take direction from the conductor or officer in charge of the event, and to be respectful of the public, the facilities, and each other. At band practices a certain code of conduct is expected from each member in order for the session to be a positive experience for all. Members should try to be at practice and warmed up by 7PM. During practice there should be minimal interruptions, including playing or talking, save that for breaks.

Government

The Old Dam Community Band is governed by a Board of Directors, elected by the band membership. There are 10 members on the board, each elected for a three year term, plus 1 member named by the Board. The Board appoints band officers, which include President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Other Board members may be appointed to special positions including Historian, Music Librarian, etc. Elections are held each Fall at the Annual Band Picnic and Meeting.

Performances

There is no set schedule of performances other than 4th of July and certain traditional dates. However, upcoming performance schedules are always available on the Band's website www.olddamband.com. Printed schedules are supplied intermittently at practices. Emails are always sent to members before performance dates. Directions to performance venues are usually available on the website. All members are encouraged to obtain email addresses, even if only accessible at the public library.

Member Responsibilities

Public performances occur throughout the year, primarily on Tuesday evenings and weekends. Attendance is greatly appreciated. If a band member is unable or unwilling to participate in the majority of performances, they should not practice lead parts in their instrument section on Tuesdays. **In the Old Dam Community Band commitment to attendance is more valued than superior musical ability.**

Uniforms

The basic uniform for public performances is a navy blue shirt or blouse (no T-shirts please) and tan or khaki color pants or skirts. Shirts and other wearables with and embroidered logo are available through the band property manager at minimal cost.

Parades

In 2005, the band constructed a new parade trailer to allow for participation in local parades. The capacity is approximately 18 players, so a special "Parade Band" group of balanced instrumentation has been designated. Let the Director know if you would like to become a member of the Parade Band.