

September 2, 2014

Sacramento Concert Band Council Minutes

Meeting of August 25, 2014

The meeting of the Band Council opened at 6:15 p.m. on August 25, 2014, in the East Band Room at Rio Americano High School. The members present were:

Steve Sherman
Bob Allshouse
Les Corbin
Dawn David
Norm Hill
Bill Parker
Grant Parker
Linda Thomas

The minutes of the May 5, 2014 meeting were approved as revised on August 19, 2014.

In the Band Director's Report, Grant reminded the council that the registration fee was now \$110 for the year. With the fee at that level, the break-even number for registrations to cover the costs of the band is 45 players. He noted that through the generosity of several players, scholarships are available for players who would have difficulty paying the registration fee.

Grant said that the band was experiencing turnover among the members. We have new trombone players. Several sections will be short. The French Horn section will be down to one player, at least through the fall. The Euphonium section may be losing three members. We are not certain that any Tenor Sax players will be returning.

The council members discussed ways to recruit more members. We will try putting posters in the music stores - last year posters brought in two new members. We will also try posting an invitation on Craig's List with a reference to our website. In the past few years, several new players found our band through the website. We will welcome new players in any section.

Grant said he would ask all the band members to invite friends to join.

Discussing governance, Steve noted that the band will need to hold another election of band council members because the term for council members is one year. Realistically, anyone who wants to be a council member or can be talked into being a council member will probably be elected. Members agreed that it would be a good idea to hold the elections after Labor Day when more band members will be at rehearsal.

The council members thought that when discussing the upcoming council election, Grant and Steve should provide an annual report on the band activities and discuss our vision for the coming year.

Under on-going business, Grant said he would put out a new syllabus for 2014-2015. Nancy will continue to handle the library. Linda asked for help with the publicity job. Grant and Linda will take the lead on recruiting new members, but all band members need to work on recruiting. David Ahrens will continue to handle the website even though he is taking the fall off from playing French Horn with the band due to his increased teaching workload at his school. Les Corbin said he would take on the Treasurer job if that position becomes open.

There was generalized discussion about formalizing the availability of scholarships for the band, but no conclusions were reached.

The members thanked Grant for putting out concert dates for the entire year in his email to the members about starting rehearsals again. Grant said that the Christmas concert is currently scheduled for December 1 because December 8 was not available at Christ Community Church. He said he would request the date of December 15 to allow more practice time after Thanksgiving.

The next Band Council meeting will be on September 29 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Norm Hill
Secretary