

**Minutes of Band Council Meeting
Sacramento Concert Band
January 26, 2015**

The meeting of the Sacramento Concert Band Council opened at 6:15 p.m. on January 26, 2015 in the East Music Room at Rio Americano High School.

The members present were:

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

The minutes of the meeting of December 1, 2014, were approved.

In the Band Director's Statement, Grant Parker said that he was pleased with the December concert. We had a large audience and raised a significant amount of money for the church's food closet. Looking ahead, he said that he was looking for pieces to try out for the spring. Each week we may add a few pieces. The band needs to recruit more players, and in particular, we need a tenor sax and a euphonium. The trumpet section needs growth. It was suggested that we use our concert publicity email list to search for new players.

To improve the administration of our next concert, we need to have two people take responsibility for promoting and conducting the raffle. With the Holiday Concert, too many things had to be done at the last minute causing distractions for Grant from concert focus. We will talk with the band as a whole about this.

It appears that the band website is down. We need to salvage it or create a new one. Less will call David Ahrens about it and see if he needs to be reimbursed for any expenses related to the website. We will need to find a new person to take the job of webmaster.

Discussion moved to purchasing equipment we could share with Rio Americano High School. A previous idea was to buy an additional rack for music stands. However, Grant said that he talked with the school band teacher who said they do not have room for another stand. One possibility is a lighter podium. The current one is heavy and difficult to move. We will see about getting new rubber feet for it.

With regard to music stands, there was discussion about using the folding stands that the band association bought. The folding stands have disadvantages. They are delicate, break too easily, and are heavy to move in their storage boxes. The group discussed the idea of having every person bring their own stand, but the discussion reached no conclusion.

For recruitment, we will ask for more participation from band members, and we will ask for suggestions. Linda Thomas will check to see if she still has a recruitment flyer from last year. We need to make sure we have flyers in area music stores.

A continuing problem has been talking during rehearsals. Grant often has trouble hearing questions, and players have difficulty in hearing Grant. Grant said that he would raise the issue again during the rehearsal.

The next meeting of the band council will be on February 23, 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Norman Hill
Secretary