

Sacramento Concert Band Council

Minutes – February 23, 2015 Meeting

The meeting of the Sacramento Concert Band Council opened at 6:15 pm, February 23, 2015 in the East Music Room of Rio Americano High School.

Members present were:

Steve Sherman
Bob Alshouse
Karen Hung
Linda Thomas
Norm Hill
Bill Parker
Grant Parker
Dawn David

Steve Sherman asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the prior meeting. There was a motion followed by a second and unanimous approval of the minutes.

Grant Parker presented the Band Director's Statement. He said he was pleased with the rehearsals. There was general agreement from the council members. They were pleased with digging deeper into the individual pieces of music.

Grant noticed that we are having a problem with getting people to volunteer for activities supporting the band. We need a number of jobs done, and only the same people volunteer to help out. Instead of putting out a general request for help, we will need to approach individuals directly and ask them to help. We need people to help with fund raising promotions at concerts, and we need a new webmaster. We need a second person to handle publicity and more people for a concert crew.

We have lost our sacramentoconcertband.org website. The renewal fee had not been paid, and someone from South Korea bought it. The website sacramentoconcertband.net is available, and we need to get it immediately before someone else buys it and then asks too high of a price for us to pay.

Treasurer's report:

The Sacramento Valley Symphonic Band Association now has a treasurer and will be able to help us. Les Corbin has taken on the treasurer job for our band and will see about reimbursing a number of people for band expenses.

The group then discussed the concern about music stands for concerts. The two stand racks do not hold enough stands for a concert. As a result, we need to load ten to fifteen

stands separately into the rental truck to go to the concert site. The folding stands take up less space in the truck but the white music folders show through the stands. We would need additional black folders to cover the music folders, adding yet another complication at concert time. Also, the boxes that store the stands are heavy to carry and generally need two people. The general consensus was that bringing the stands from Rio seems like the best idea. However, the group agreed that we do not need to decide the issue now and deferred a decision on the subject.

Grant mentioned that talking during rehearsals has remained a problem. The members agreed. He said that he would raise the subject during the rehearsal that evening.

The next meeting date will be March 23, 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m., February 23, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Hill
Secretary