

**Sacramento Concert Band Council
Minutes –October 10, 2016 Meeting**

The meeting of the Sacramento Concert Band Council opened at 6:00 p.m., October 10, 2016, in the music storeroom of El Camino High School.

Jill welcomed Jim Murray to his first council meeting.

Members present were:

Jean Angel
Les Corbin
Dawn David
Angela Flanery
Minty Green
Norm Hill
Karen Hung
James Murray
Bill Parker
Grant Parker
Jill Somers

Bob Allshouse was away on vacation.

The minutes from the meeting of September 26, 2016, were approved.

Minty agreed to take responsibility on a permanent basis for preparing the To Do List from council meetings.

Jill asked the members to review the list of band council functions that was included in the agenda and to bring comments and ideas to the next meeting.

Recruitment

Dawn David agreed to serve as the chair of the recruitment committee. During the rehearsal break, she will ask the new players how they found out about the band.

Developing a substitute list continues to be a challenge. Les will ask individuals on the Sacramento Symphonic Winds substitute list if they would be interested in being on a substitute list for our band.

Band Member Database

Jill reported that Bob's band member database was up to date two weeks ago. However, due to the arrival of three new members, the list needs updating. Bob had told Jill that the data base should be ready by the middle of November.

Grant will give Les a copy of the official list from the school district. Les will check that list against the band roster to see if any people had not yet paid their registration fee.

The group discussed how the list should be distributed to the members. Grant reminded the group that as the teacher, he could not distribute a list of members. Bob, as an individual member, developed the list of names, phone numbers, email addresses, and street addresses by circulating a form created by Les to all members asking for their contact information and asking them to check a box if they did not want their information included on a list that would be made available to other band members.

After discussion, the council decided to omit street addresses from the list and to make the list available to members in hard copy only. Bob anticipates having the list completed by the middle of Nov.

Treasurer's Report

Les reported that the band had no financial transactions since the last meeting.

Grant reported that because the SVSBA is working to improve its transparency, that group will be asking for board minutes and treasurer's reports within a set number of days after band meetings, starting in January 2017.

Band Membership Scholarship Fund

During previous meetings, the council had discussed the idea of providing financial assistance to members who would have difficulty in paying the registration fee. During the past year, no one had requested assistance. The council decided to keep the financial assistance idea informal and to treat the issue on a case by case basis when a need arises. If a request is made, the Council will determine if Band funds can be used otherwise. Grant will ask the Band if someone would like to sponsor a member.

Report on the October 9, 2016 SVSBA Meeting

Karen reported that the SVSBA is trying to meet State requirements for transparency in non-profit, tax exempt organizations. She said the board had discussed insurance coverage and benefits for member bands.

Grant reported that he had joined the SVSBA library committee because he sees the shared library as providing member bands with a broader selection of music than individual bands could afford on their own. The committee will work on a more formal way to sign out music. Grant said that although changes are being discussed, nothing will happen quickly.

The SVSBA is also assembling a list of members that have agreed to serve as a substitute for band member and will provide that list to SCB

Update on Addressing Elders in the Band

Grant said that using the microphone and speakers in the music room helps him communicate with band members who have impaired hearing, and using the system helps reduce the distraction of members talking during rehearsal. He is still looking for a good

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wireless microphone to wear because the microphone stand gets in his way. He said that a good wireless microphone might cost between \$200 and \$250. The council authorized Grant to spend up to \$200. If he finds a desirable system costing more than that, he will bring the issue back to the council.

May 2016 Concert Debrief

Jill asked the council members to review the concert debrief document that she had circulated by email during the previous week as they go forward with their concert preparation tasks.

December 5th Concert Checklist Review

Jill said that she had updated the Concert Checklist based on the feedback in the concert debrief following the May 2016 concert. She will also add to the checklist: confirm extra percussion players and other needed musicians. She also agreed to be the contact with the church.

With regard to the program, she will ask Bob to add an item to the program insert asking how people heard about the concert. The answers might help us improve or target our publicity.

Jean described the difficulties in developing interest in attending the concert among people at assisted living facilities and among the facility managers. She also said she will donate a jade plant as a raffle prize for the concert.

Karen's Announcement

Karen reported that she will be leaving the band in April, 2017 because she will be moving to Portland, Oregon to be closer to more family members. She asked if there was any point to attending rehearsals after the Holiday Concert. The group urged her to participate to benefit the band and to help her maintain her own skills. The band has enjoyed having her play bassoon, and we will miss her.

To Do List Review

Jill reviewed the To Do List and found that people had accomplished many of their tasks.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on October 31, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the El Camino High School music room.

Future meeting agenda items will include:

- Addressing opportunities to improve council functions.
- Band shirts
- Access to a photocopier.

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Once the new theater at Rio is constructed, consider holding our concerts there and at a time that works for those that can't drive at night.

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Norm Hill

Secretary