

**Sacramento Concert Band Council  
Minutes – January 23, 2017 Meeting**

The meeting of the Sacramento Concert Band Council opened at 6:10 p.m., January 23, 2017, in the music room of El Camino High School.

People present were:

Bob Allshouse  
Jean Angel  
Nancy Bibby  
Dawn David  
Minty Green  
Norm Hill  
Karen Hung  
James Murray  
Grant Parker  
Linda Powell  
Bill Parker  
Jill Somers

The minutes from the meeting of November 21, 2016, were approved.

**Opening for Vice President**

Jill reminded people that she had sent out an email asking for a volunteer to serve as Vice President of the Band Council because Karen Hung, the current Vice President, will be moving to Portland some time in the spring. Jill described some of the duties the Vice President would perform.

Jim Murray nominated Norm Hill for the position. Norm expressed little enthusiasm for taking on the job and said he thought he would contribute more by continuing in his position of Secretary. This led to a discussion of the office and how we should find a volunteer. Jill agreed to talk to the entire band during the rehearsal break asking for someone to take the position.

**Band Shirts**

Nancy Bibby showed samples of the variety of blue band shirts worn by members during informal performances. The shirts vary in shade of blue, pocket position, and some have no pocket at all. Some old shirts show the name of the Sacramento Valley Symphonic Band.

Nancy has dealt with Norcal where she knows the contact person and the company has our emblem in their system. Shirts come in 100% cotton, cotton/polyester blend, and 100% polyester. The cotton shirts fade, and the polyester shirts don't breathe. She reported that if we want to buy new shirts in bulk, Norcal would

charge \$17.50/shirt for the cotton/polyester blend. Nancy would need 6 weeks to acquire new shirts.

Grant reported that Port Authority has supplied the shirts for the Cazadero music camp that he has worked with, and that company has done well for the camp.

The group then discussed whether we should buy new shirts for the entire band or just buy enough to supply new members and maybe people who have old shirts that look too different from the shirts worn by most band members. The Council also wants to consider requiring the band members to pay for either all or part of the cost of the shirts. Some members wanted to see a report of the band's financial condition before deciding. One suggestion was to have band members wear their band shirts to rehearsal so we can figure out how many shirts we might need. The group decided to revisit the issue at the next council meeting. Grant may ask band members to wear or bring their blue shirts to the rehearsal one week prior to the next council meeting.

### **Debrief from the December Concert**

Jill explained that she had prepared the debrief document about the December concert by adding in all the comments she had received by email. She sought ideas for how we should proceed with the list. Grant suggested that, on future agendas we should discuss parts of the list and gradually work through it.

Karen Hung suggested that a person should have only one job during the concert. She had been collecting the music folders when she was asked to go to the lobby due to a problem with a second job she had. As a result, the roster with music folder numbers was misplaced, and we have some music folders still out.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Les Corbin was unable to attend, so the Treasurer's Report was deferred to the next meeting.

### **Recruiting**

Five new players would be joining the band at rehearsal that night. Linda Powell who joined the band just before the December concert reported that she found out about the band from a recruiting poster at Kline's Music in Sacramento.

### **SVSBA**

Bob and Jill attended the Sacramento Valley Symphonic Band Association meetings on December 11 and January 8, respectively. The December 11 meeting had an update on the embezzlement prosecution, but the process is moving slowly. The association is trying to improve the library operations with better ways of checking out and returning music. At the Jan. 8 meeting, it was decided to conduct another

Brasstacular – a brass benefit concert to raise funds for the SVSBA youth outreach. Also, the SVSBA plans to send each band a list of the music they have checked out. Grant will attend their next meeting on February 12.

**To Do List**

Jill went through the To Do list checking on progress. Grant has been reimbursed for the wireless microphone system. Dawn is continuing her successful work on recruiting. Les has some expenses to process. Minty will compile information from the program inserts to expand our email concert publicity list and to determine which methods for publicity seem to be working best to attract audience members. The information needs to be handled carefully because about ½ of the inserts are repeats from prior concerts.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on March 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the El Camino High School music room.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Norm Hill

Secretary