

Sacramento Concert Band Council Minutes – November 5, 2018 Meeting

The meeting of the Sacramento Concert Band opened at 5:50 p.m., Monday, November 5, 2018, in the chorus room of Rio Americano High School, Sacramento.

People present were:

Bob Allshouse
Dawn David
Susan Desper
Norm Hill
Bill Parker
Grant Parker
Linda Powell
Jill Somers
DeLonn Stern

Minutes

Norm discussed the minutes of the October 8, 2018 meeting. He said that he had received no comments on the circulated draft.

With a motion, second, and unanimous vote, the minutes from the October 8, 2018 meeting were approved.

To Do List

Jill and then Linda went over the To Do List, and people reported which items they had completed.

Concert Checklist

Grant reported that he was working on getting our use of the Rio theater paid for. We have an extra cost because we requested more time for the janitor. As for our pieces for the performance, we already have the first half by name and order. This evening, the band will have the names of the second half pieces but not yet the order. It is still too early to work on getting substitutes because we don't know yet who will miss the concert.

DeLonn reported that we have the concert flyer that Jack Miller prepared. Linda thought that the band website address was too dark. It was also suggested that the band name could be larger. Jill said she would send the flyer out to the council members with a request for comments.

DeLonn also reported that we have permission from the Rio principal to hang our banner on the high school fence. Dawn noted that several people said they came to the Spring Concert because they saw the banner on the fence. After discussion, the council decided to put the banner up after Thanksgiving.

Program

Bob requested a decision on how to list people in the concert program. We have choices. The program could present the band roster, it could list the people playing the day of the concert including substitutes, or it could just list the members playing and only say that we appreciate the substitutes. After discussion, the group decided to use the method we have normally used in the past. The program will list the people playing and identify substitutes with an asterisk by their name. We will include another list of members not playing, identified as “on leave.”

DeLonn said that the publicity committee will be requesting a change to the program insert we use in getting names for the email publicity list. Bob asked that the team send him what they want to see in the insert.

Substitutes

On the issue of substitutes, Karen asked if she should push SVSBA to put together a sub list for the member bands to use. Grant noted that in the Sacramento Symphonic Winds, a member who will miss a concert is required to find a sub. In our band, things have been more relaxed. Some positions in deep sections do not require a substitute. Lead players, players in single instrument sections, and percussion players normally need substitutes. Our concern is that all parts be covered. Grant often helps people find substitutes.

Concert Set Up

Dawn said that we need a list of people who will set up and a second list of people who will tear down after the concert. We want to avoid having too many at one time and not enough at the other. Norm agreed to work with her on this and to clarify when members of the loading crew will help.

May 2018 Concert Debrief

Jill said that in the concert debrief survey, some people said that the concert was too long and others said it was too short. Others said that the band was not adequately prepared. Grant said that concert preparation requires both band rehearsals and private practice. Individual players have a responsibility to prepare themselves for the concert through personal practice. He said he would talk with the band that night on the issue.

Publicity

Jill thanked DeLonn and Linda for the work they had already done on publicity for the concert.

DeLonn and Linda asked whether to send out the save-the-date email or to wait for the flyer that is almost ready. Grant urged them to send out the save-the-date email right away. Then they should send out the flyer several times including once just a couple of days before the concert as a last minute reminder.

Jill said that at rehearsal, she would remind the band members to urge friends and relatives to come to the concert. She will also ask the publicity team to talk with the band.

SVSBA Website

Karen asked what we want the SVSBA website to show about our band. She thought the photo of the band was too dated and that we may want to change the write up. She said we did not need to take action immediately but that we should be thinking about the subject.

Grant agreed that the picture was out of date, showing us at the church and not at Rio, but that it served the purpose of showing what we look like in concert. He thought that getting a picture of the band in the Rio theater was a good idea. He wanted a sentence added to the website saying that we are always looking for new members.

Section Leaders Meeting

Jill said that she had updated the list of section leader functions from the list discussed by the council at the October meeting. She used the updated list in the meeting with the section leaders on October 29.

She said that when she gets a contact from a prospective player, she sends back information about our band. At this point, the person has not committed to the band. When the person does commit, she sends out another email with cc's to Bob, section leaders, and sometimes to band council members.

Band Council Contact List

Jill reported that she has sent out a new band council contact list. She asked the members to check it for accuracy.

Rehearsal

Grant reminded the group that there will be no rehearsal next week.

This week we will have a new trumpet player from his college band. Grant said Kevin is a skilled player and will need a first trumpet folder. We need to make him feel welcome.

Next Meeting

Jill noted that the next second Monday of the month, our normal time for meeting, is just one week before the concert. She suggested that meeting a week or two earlier could help in concert preparation. Grant agreed that an earlier meeting would be a good idea. The group decided to meet on December 3.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m., November 5, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Norm Hill, Secretary

Approved December 3, 2018