

## Sacramento Valley Symphonic Band Association

Members of the Board Directors Meeting

Sunday, February 12, 2023 - 4:30 p.m. via Zoom

### Board Members Present

David Meyer  
Mark Meeker  
Christina Nordin  
Dave Machado  
Bianca Patterson

### Board Members Absent

Steve Chambers

### SVSBA Members Present

Grant Parker  
George Preston  
Mary Preston

The President called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m. with a quorum reached.

Agenda - Dave Moves, Christina Seconds approved unanimously

- George asks about bylaw committee as item, was removed due to board vacancy

Minutes - Held until item items from the floor for update, review and approval.

- Update to be made - Grant Parker only promoted the Youth Artist Scholarship to the CMEA Capitol Section Honor Band.

Treasurer's Reports - Report accepted as filed.

- Christina has been added to bank account.
- Revised reports are in the drive
- SVSBA paypal to be updated to be under a new account owner
  - **Action Item: Christina will update the website with a new donate button once the new account is in place.**

Music Library Report

- George reviewed the "How do we decide what to work on" area of information in the Library Report. Priorities are set on what the committee feels member bands would want to check out.
- Grant offers to scan and restore damaged or fragile pieces so bands can access them.
- Mark inquires to reevaluate the monetary value of the library after the acquisition of 59th army band music. George advises the association not take the expense of having it appraised, that it's not needed since the music was a donation and much of it is photocopies. Many 59th army band pieces are also missing a score.

Committee Reports

- **Membership** (George Preston) - As of February 6, 2023, the Capitol City Pops band director has expressed in writing their interest in joining SVSBA.
- **Carmichael Park Band Festival** (Grant Parker) - Bands have been making checks out incorrectly, addressed to the wrong payee. Grant has reached out to these applicants to get corrected checks. Grant has revised the application and Christina has updated it on the website. As of this meeting there are 11 paid ensembles; 3 ensembles with applications without payment; 1 ensemble expressed interest and an application is expected.

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- **Youth Artist Scholarship & Audition** (Grant Parker) - As of this meeting there are 6 applicants. Auditions begin on February 13, 2023 at 4:30pm. Winner should be announced within the next week. Sacramento Symphonic Winds will host the winner at their May concert.
- **Middle School Music Lessons Scholarship** (Bianca Patterson) - A student connected to Elk Grove CB reached out for immediate consideration and was directed to the application. The current cycle ends in June, and as of this meeting there are no applications.
- **Social Media/Outreach** (Bianca Patterson) - Elk Grove CB was featured in a news segment, this was posted to Facebook.
- **Website** (Christina Nordin) - The website has undergone a few updates, including reducing the number of menu items on the menu bar and adding a full performance calendar, as well as a form to collect performances to be automatically added to the calendar. Christina reviewed all these updates visually with the board and received their feedback.
  - George requests the Music Library be moved back to L1 menu.

Fill Empty Board Position - Due to the resignation of Lynn Fowler, President David Meyer brings to the floor a motion to appoint Grant Parker to the board to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term.. Mark moved, Bianca second, and motion passed unanimously to appoint Grant Parker to the SVSBA board. The board then appointed Grant to the role of Vice President to serve the remainder of the vacant term.

BDOG Committee Report - The SVSBA profile is updated and is in for review. Next step is to come up with an 8 week marketing plan. BDOG goal is \$10,000 to create and furnish an instrument loan library.

- Committee will be tasked with providing updates at every meeting up through May to keep the board apprised on the status, timeline and goals.
- Mark inquires about officer matching contributions. BDOG Committee is aiming to have fewer internal donations.
- Dave and George inquire about storage of instruments in the loan library when not in use by a band. Dave also inquires about donated instruments to the potential instrument loan library. All board members and association members are encouraged to attend a future committee meeting to address these concerns.

New Committee Formation - As outlined in the January minutes, Christina brings three committee proposals before the board for review and for presidents approval.

- **Directors Committee** - Proposed to be comprised of all SVSBA member band directors to meet quarterly with the purpose of both aligning activities across the member bands (ie proposed performance schedules, repertoire, borrowed instrumentation, etc.) as well as bringing a unified message from the member bands to the SVSBA board of the needs of the membership.

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- Diversity, Equity, Accessibility & Inclusion (DEAI) Committee - Proposed to be comprised of members from every member band, and required to be reflective of the communities they serve with the purpose of creating DEAI bylaw(s) to ensure participation in SVSBA member bands is equitable and accessible to all community members regardless of:
  - Age
  - Sexuality
  - Gender and gender presentation
  - Race
  - Economic status
  - Instrumentation
    - i. The committee will meet regularly from formation until August (or as needed) to be able to bring bylaw updates to the Annual meeting in August, after which time will meet biannually or annually, to be decided by the committee.
- Member Benefits Committee - Proposed to be comprised of members from every member band, and to be aligned with the Directors Committee, with the purpose of reviewing the benefits of SVSBA membership and updating the benefits offering to align with the current needs of modern community bands.
- George advises that there should be a need to form a committee before one is formed, and that there already is a membership committee.
  - David advises the existing Membership Committee be renamed to Membership and Benefits Committee. **Action Item: Review existing membership committee.**
  - David approves the above mentioned committees. **Action Item: Christina and Bianca will bring updates on the formation of these committees, including goals, tasks, deadlines, etc.**
- David brings up the formation of a short term bylaws committee
  - Should be staffed by three board members, to be addressed at the next meeting.

Sacramento OAC Grant Application Update - David has completed and submitted a proposal for the grant. The board will be updated when new information is available

To Do List - February items are done. March includes plaque and check (\$1000) for the YAS winner to be awarded in May.

- George advises the board that the check is usually handwritten.

### Items from the Board

- Grant proposes a March agenda item to offer prorated membership rate for bands joining in later in the year.
- Revised January minutes presented. Grant moves, Mark seconds to approve the revised Jan minutes, passes unanimously.

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### Items from the floor

- George advises the board that minutes on the agenda can be “approved as amended”.
- George informs the board the Sacramento Symphonic Winds has removed their COVID vaccination policy which required members to be vaccinated to participate.
- George requests an update on the Roseville Flute Ensemble from David. David advises that RFE is down to 4 regular members and is concerned the group may not survive, but will continue to have the group continue as a paid member organization with the SVSBA.

Adjournment - Grant moves, Dave seconds. The meeting is adjourned at 5:57pm.