

Sacramento Valley Symphonic Band Association

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Sunday, June 23, 2024 - 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

Board Members Present

David Meyer, President
Grant Parker, Vice President
Mark Meeker, Treasurer
Susan Hamre, Director
Tom Seaton, Director

Board Member Absent

Bianca Patterson, Director

David called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m., with a quorum reached.

Agenda - Grant moved, Tom seconded, to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of May 12, 2024 Minutes - Susan moved, Mark seconded, to approve the May minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - Complete reports including all bank and other financial statements attached to Board package.

- Board gave Mark permission to reimburse Amador Band for a financial loss incurred that was not the Band's mistake.

- Board gave Mark permission to transfer donations from the general fund to the BigDoG account in order to categorize properly.

- Mark reported that the liability insurance premium may increase as much as \$1,000 to meet local venue requirements; he will update the Board on discussions with insurance agent.

Music Library Report - Written report received by the Board in monthly package.

Committee Reports

o Membership (George Preston) Written report received by the Board in monthly package.

o Carmichael Park Band Festival (Grant Parker) - All Board members and helpers were thanked for their efforts. Good audience turnout. Susan Skinner had two articles published in Carmichael Times. Grant to work on video production. Idea presented to offer Citrus Heights Marching Band a discounted membership in SVSBA in return for their continued Festival support. Board agreed to continue this discussion at next meeting.

o Youth Artist Scholarship (Grant Parker) - Concert and presentation well presented and well received. Grant reports his next project is to find a host band for the 2025 award.

o Middle School Music Lessons Scholarship (Bianca Patterson) - No update.

o Social Media/Outreach (Bianca Patterson) - No update.

o Website (Mark Meeker) - Mark requested permission to contact all member bands that have their own website to use links to their site as contact versus maintaining a live page on the SVSBA website. Board agreed unanimously, Mark to report on progress.

Update of Potential CMEA Participation - Susan confirms date as September 7, 2024, and reports there will be no booths, only educational activity. Susan will sponsor a workshop to promote small ensembles as an integral part of high school music programs. She has recruited Camellia Flute Choir, Capitol French Horn Club and Chris Hancock's brass quintet to participate. Susan suggested a gathering at her house after the day's events that would include the Boards of SVSBA and CMEA. Mark to investigate possible use of SVSBA funds to reimburse Susan for expense of the gathering. Susan to continue update at next Board meeting.

Annual Meeting and Next Regular Board Meeting - Sunday, August 11, 2024 on Zoom
Annual Meeting at 6:00 p.m., followed immediately by the regular Board meeting

2024-2025 Board Election - The Board agreed unanimously to appoint Mary Rose Preston as Secretary, effective immediately. Mary Rose will also be a Board candidate on the August slate, to be voted on at the August meeting.

- No significant progress reported by anyone. All Board members agreed on the urgency and have pledged to continue searching for candidates.

Continued Internal Fundraising Discussions - Board reviewed poor performance of recent Big DOG participation, and all agreed that traditional fundraising events are inappropriate for SVSBA. All agreed that grants are the best avenue to pursue for fundraising. David has volunteered to begin serious research for appropriate grants.

Review To/Do List - All items for June are complete. Next month (July) listed activity is assigned.

Other items from the Board - Grant requested reimbursement for purchase of paper jogger for Music Library. The Board agreed this is appropriate. Mark will arrange for reimbursement.

- Mark reminded the Board that Chris Nordin remains signatory to SVSBA bank account. Mark to meet with Grant to change.

- Susan suggested an SVSBA banner be created to promote the June Band Festival. Will discuss again at a future meeting.

- July meeting canceled due to many vacation conflicts.

Other Items from the Floor - None

Adjournment - 8:08 pm.

Next Meeting - Sunday, August 11, 2024 on Zoom
6:00 p.m. - Annual Meeting
followed by the Board meeting

*Respectfully submitted,
Mary Rose Preston*

approved 8/11/24