

*Sacramento Valley Symphonic Band Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Sunday, April 14, 2024 - 7:00pm via Zoom*

Board Members Present

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

Board Members Absent

SVSBA Members Present

Steve Bohannon (on mute)

David called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm with a quorum reached.

Agenda - No questions or issues. Susan moves, Tom seconds to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carries unanimously.

Approval of March Minutes - No questions or issues. Grant moves, Susan seconds to approve March, 2024 minutes as presented. Motion carries unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - Complete reports including all bank and other financial statements attached to Board package. Mark solicited questions, none offered. Mark reports Sacramento Symphonic Winds are retiring Les Corbin loan (\$15,000). Les has requested payment, Mark has begun process of repaying loan in full, will come off the books next month. David reports our increase in budget requested from City for existing ARPA grant has been approved. New and final grant total: \$11,670.00. Mark will supply interim report to City by the end of April.

Music Library Report - Written report received by the Board in monthly package. David summarized report in the absence of George. No questions or issues.

Committee Reports

- **Membership** (George Preston) No contact via email from George, nothing reported. Susan reported making contact with Yolo County Band who is interested in joining SVSBA. Mark added that he received a request from their Treasurer about insurance. Susan will remain in contact and continue to follow up. Grant reports that Bob Halseth made a casual "query" about joining SVSBA. The Board agreed that Sierra Nevada Winds would be an excellent addition to our family. Grant will gently follow up.
- **Carmichael Park Band Festival** (Grant Parker) Grant reports update on negotiation with the park for the picnic area, they will hold the area for our use,

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not free. SVSBA or any band can reserve the space for a fee, currently unknown. Susan reported fee to use Gibbons Park at \$600.00, the Board agreed that is too expensive and we would not do it at that cost. Grant will follow up and confirm actual cost before Board makes any decision. Susan reports she will not be at the festival on Saturday, but has arranged for others to step in for the day. Grant reports Citrus Heights Marching Band has once again offered assistance on festival days, all necessary paperwork for park usage over the weekend has been filed, and the food truck people have been contacted but not yet returned Grant's email. He will continue followup. Publicity flyer for festival has been ordered and expected to be delivered to Grant week of 4/15/24. Susan asked Grant about availability of a piano from Tim's Music, learned an instrument is available for our use. They have asked to display a banner during the festival, no objections raised. Grant will provide the piano amplifier from the Fred Morgan Big Band. Bianca inquired about cameras for Livestreaming, Grant will work with Bianca to ensure successful setup and operation of Livestream during event. Marjorie Lehr will continue donating her publicity services to promote the festival. Grant reports May 1 deadline for submission of program information from participating bands.

- **Youth Artist Scholarship** - (Grant Parker) Grant reports that the cycle is complete except for award presentation and concert. David showed the Board the plaque to be awarded to Megan Lynch at the Festival on June 2. Mark reports not yet generating \$1,000.00 check to keep it off the books until June, and SVSBA need not purchase music for this concert. Amador Band bought the piece and will keep it after the concert.
- **Middle School Music Lessons Scholarship** - (Bianca Patterson) No update.
- **Social Media/Outreach** - (Bianca Patterson) Bianca is watching for announcement of concert performances of SVSBA bands to share on the website, and will share the Carmichael Park Festival flyer.
- **Website** - (Mark Meeker) Susan asked about posting material on SVSBA website, Mark reports that all items go through him and then are posted. Golden Gate Band is now listed on website, current link takes viewer to GGB web page. Mark currently waiting for other information to create individual GGB page.

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Final review and vote on proposed '24 - '25 budget - Original budget presentation made at March meeting, all budget materials available for review. No questions or issues. Bianca moves, Susan seconds to accept budget as presented. Motion carries unanimously. Mark reports being in contact with George for Membership Package preparation.

Review and report on action items from March meeting - David reported that an email went out to all band directors looking for help with ideas for a Board Secretary, Music Library volunteers and nominations for SVSBA Board. All seated Board members requested a copy of that email.

ACTION ITEM: David to forward email sent to band directors to the seated Board.

Begin election process for '24 - '25 Board - David reviewed all Board members' current status and ending service dates. David will return to the Board and is willing to continue as President. Susan reports not getting David's emails, requests that a different address be used. She will serve out Chris Nordin's term. Bianca reports that although she will not return to the Board when she terms out, she will continue to serve on committees as needed. Tom will not return to the Board when he terms out. Grant suggests that the entire Board be the Election Committee, chaired by David, and report back at the May meeting. All agreed to participate in the process.

ACTION ITEM: All Board members to recruit possible nominations from their respective bands and report back at May meeting.

Update status of Big Day of Giving (5/4/24) - Bianca reports the Board needs to decide what we are fundraising for, and suggested purchasing an expensive instrument and making it available to an SVSBA member band player. Bianca further stipulated that the intent is to loan out the instrument for as long as they are performing with that band. Grant suggested English Horn as a viable option. Mark reports balance on our books of \$1,097.03 carried over from all previous Big DoG contributions. Bianca points out the extra benefit, as an SVSBA member band, of access to instruments as well as music. After extensive discussion, Board agreed to the goal of \$2,000.00 to purchase an English Horn. David took a brief moment to ask the Board to give something on Big DoG, as he will be doing. The amount is less important than the participation. In response to Susan's question about how to contribute, Bianca assured the Board of the relative ease of the process, including links to the appropriate website to donate.

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Update participation in CMEA (9/7/24, American River College) - Susan reported making application to participate, and learned it is to be a workshop-based program. Once the SVSBA is accepted by the Board as a legitimate workshop provider, Susan has convinced several local groups to participate. SVSBA will be entitled to a booth, cost currently unknown. Susan offered to host an informal gathering of the SVSBA Board and the CMEA Board at her home following the day's events. Grant suggested using Fast Signs as vendor for banner. Susan will continue as primary contact for this event.

Review To/Do List - (David Meyer) David reports all listed items for April are either done or in process.

Other items from the Board - (All) David informed the Board of his unavailability for 6/9 Board meeting due to concert participation, Mark reports the same conflict. Bianca reports she will be out of town on 6/9. Due to inability to have the necessary quorum on 6/9, after discussion Grant moves, Bianca seconds a motion to postpone the June meeting until **6/23**. Motion carries unanimously. Grant reports that Mark sent out the letter to Thomas Roehr re: the Herald Trumpet donation.

Other items from the floor - (All) None

Adjournment - Susan moves, Bianca seconds to adjourn. Motion carries unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm.

Respectfully submitted,
David Meyer, Acting Secretary