

***Sacramento Valley Symphonic Band Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Sunday, May 12, 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

Mary Rose Preston
George Preston

David called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with a quorum reached.

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

Approval of April Minutes - Several anomalies in the April minutes noted and discussed. Changes were verbally agreed to and voted on, and will appear in an amended version. Grant moved, Bianca seconded to approve April minutes subject to modifications agreed to. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - Complete reports including all bank and other financial statements attached to Board package. No questions from the Board. Mark Reports first ARPA report submitted and approved, expect \$3,633 in additional funding within 30 days.

Music Library Report - Written report included in monthly package. No questions from Board.

Committee Reports

- **Membership** (George Preston) The report was included in the Board meeting package. George also reviewed some financial/legal/ regulatory and membership aspects of SVSBA's 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 years as historical background for Board members. George reviewed the 2024-2025 SVSBA Membership package including the Membership Application and Agreement. After discussion, Grant moved, Mark seconded approval of the 2024-2025 agreement for distribution. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Carmichael Park Band Festival** (Grant Parker) All participating bands have submitted their programs ahead of deadline. Grant has spoken with Citrus Heights Marching Band about moving equipment and providing better quality concert bass drum and concert bells from previous years. Grant and David both emphasized the need for all Board members (or their proxies) to be available for support on both festival days. Food trucks are in place, Grant will follow up on availability of crushed ice truck as well as regular food. Grant and Bianca will work out details on Livestreaming and recording of the event.
- **Youth Artist Scholarship** - (Grant Parker) No update. David will present award and check to recipient at Carmichael Park. Mark to give David scholarship check prior to 6/1.

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- **Middle School Music Lessons Scholarship** - (Bianca Patterson) No update.
- **Social Media/Outreach** - (Bianca Patterson) More engagement due to recent Big Day of Giving activity. More engagement with webpage, Band Festival is posted, every band with available Facebook page has been tagged for sharing.
- **Website** - (Mark Meeker) ARPA grant requires a specific statement be included on the website indicating that the organization is receiving federal grant money. Statement also to appear in the Festival program.

Big Day of Giving update - Bianca reports this year was not a good one. The goal of \$1,000.00 was not reached. Total online donations \$562.82 from five (5) donors, all either seated Board members or ex-SVSBA Board members. Other online donations or mailed-in checks may add to this total. Bianca expressed uncertainty with future of this campaign for SVSBA, will research all accumulated dollars from previous campaigns and meet with Mark to reconcile totals before any committed funds are spent. David offered the opinion that SVSBA should not participate in any future Big Days of Giving, primary reason given is we are too small an entity to be noticed in the vast array of choices for donors on that one specific day. David further suggested a targeted fund-raising effort be undertaken by SVSBA on its own. (This topic discussed later in the meeting.) Susan pointed out the viability and popularity of the Band Festival and suggested it be a springboard for future fundraising. Consensus was reached that the Board will be informed of actual performance of past three (3) BigDoG days and, once so informed, take this topic up at the next Board meeting.

2024 - 20225 election process update - David requested updates from all Board members on their success in obtaining potential new Board member candidates. All responded having reached out to some but without any commitments. David requested the Board continue its effort at recruitment and subject will be addressed at the next Board meeting.

CMEA participation update - No update. Susan reports we are waiting to be accepted by CMEA, no action on our part is meaningful until that happens. She will continue followup as appropriate, this item will not appear on an agenda until there is an update.

Fundraiser for Music Library discussion - In furtherance of a previous discussion, David proposed an SVSBA fundraising effort directed to raise funds for the Music Library, in place of Big Day of Giving. Bianca commented that fundraising should be aimed at enhancing SVSBA members' access to the benefits of membership. Bianca further commented that the past Summer Bands had been an excellent way for the SVSBA Board to connect with other band members in furtherance of Board member recruitment. Grant commented that he was unable to find several pieces he wanted to program for Sacramento Concert Band, and that he would support committing funds to purchase newer music for the Library. Mark pointed out that the recently approved budget has no discretionary funds allocated beyond what has been allocated in the past. George commented that although there has not been an effort to purchase new music, the recent addition of the 59th Army Band collection has added many

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newer titles, all of which are available via the Music Library online database. David suggested this topic be converted into a discussion about what kind of fund raising activity does the Board want to participate in and to what end. This topic will be taken up again at the next Board meeting.

Review To/Do List - All items identified for May have been accomplished or are in process. June meeting to include updates from all Board members on recruitment efforts.

Other items from the Board - Mark reminds Grant that Chris Nordin, an ex-Board member and Secretary, is still the signatory on the SVSBA Chase account. Mark and Grant will get together to rectify that by making Grant the signatory. Tom requests that the Board review the truck rental section of the Ensemble Agreement, as there are restrictions that prevent RCRCCB from taking advantage of the stated benefit. Bianca reports Golden Gate Park Band Festival takes place June 8-9, including Sunday morning "Friendship Band", currently looking for bassoon, percussion, Bb clarinet and horn players. Tom reports intent to award Dennis Gray Scholarship at the RCRCCB performance at Carmichael Park. Several people plugged their upcoming concerts.

Other items from the floor - None

Adjournment - Susan moved, Grants seconded to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,
David Meyer