

SJMB Board Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2011

Opening

Dave Brown, President, called the monthly meeting of the San Jose Metropolitan Band Board of Directors to order at 6:35 p.m. on Monday, January 17, 2011. The meeting was held at Valley Christian High School, San Jose, CA.

2010-2011	
x Dave Brown, President	x Mark Bishop, MAL (Webmaster)
x Vern Chatfield, Treasurer	x Joe Quintal, MAL (Marketing/Venues)
x Tami Bois, Secretary	x Steve Woloshin, MAL
x Greg Bergantz, Musical Director	x Becky Rambow, MAL (Fundraising)
April Hixson-Goldsmith, Librarian	Lisa Miller, MAL (Publicity)

Approval of Minutes

Steve moved that the November minutes be approved. (There was no Board meeting in December). Vern seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

1. Our account balances are as follows: Checking \$2824.13, Savings \$6512.00 and C.D. \$3178.53. There are no outstanding checks. Upcoming expenditure: our annual insurance premium of \$920.00. Dave reported that this needs to be paid immediately as the due date is 1/28. Dave informed the Board that both he and Vern have access to our bank statements online.

2. In regard to our liability insurance, Dave will check with our agent, Jeff Rosen, regarding the possibility and cost of insuring our music library. He will also check with April, who currently stores the library at her home, regarding the possibility of purchasing a rider on her homeowner's policy to cover the library.

Old Business

1. Discussion and critique of our recent performances: Greg stated that he didn't think the Help One Child concert was as inspired as the joint concert with West Valley College. Greg partially attributed this to the fact that we could hear ourselves better in the concert hall. It was pointed out that the first half of the concert, performed by the college band, was a little strange.

Additionally, some band members commented that the conductor was difficult to follow during the joint number. One of Dave's colleagues who attended the West Valley concert thoroughly enjoyed it and is looking forward to our March concert. Discussion took place regarding the merits of teaming up with West Valley in the future. We will address this further if the opportunity arises.

2. Greg made a recording of the Help One Child concert which was made available to the membership. He stated it turned out pretty well, considering the recording set up. Tami commented that the Band played well, with exception of one number that was, in her opinion, overblown and out of tune.

3. Further discussion on the topic of intonation: Joe suggested the possibility of tuning off stage before performances with a Peterson tuner, which he owns, or to tune to Tami. It was agreed that it would be an asset to tune more carefully, but this would not solve the issue of people not listening throughout the performance or the reality that some people cannot hear whether they are in tune or not. Greg stated that he will work on intonation issues in rehearsal.

New Business

1. Dave informed the Board that, if we intend to play a concert in 2012 at McAffe, it is time to book the hall.

2. Steve informed the Board that he spoke with his contact at the LA Winds who said they might be interested in a joint concert or two with us if they decide to do a Northern California tour in April or May of 2012. The Board agreed that this is something we would like to pursue. Steve said he would email the director and Joe said he would check with McAffe regarding available

dates. It was also suggested that we might split a performance with them in San Francisco at Golden Gate Park.

3. Joe will touch base with McAffe regarding our upcoming March 20 concert to make sure the details are in order. They have our deposit. We need a contract and they will need a statement of insurance from us.

4. In regard to other potential venues: Greg will check on the stage at Prospect High School and Dave will talk to Band member, Randy Adams, regarding the venue at Happy Hollow Park and Zoo.

5. In regard to Dave's purchase of the property where he plans to start a recording studio business on Piercy Road, escrow has not yet closed, but everything still looks positive. (He will be donating the use of this space to the SJMB as a rehearsal venue). Dave does have the key and has met the owner. He is hopeful that the deal will close within two weeks. The current owner of the property has a twenty-foot trailer for sale that could meet our needs for hauling equipment. The next steps will be a conditional use permit, securing bids for air conditioning installation and to begin working on the acoustics. Band member Vini Carter has equipment to measure sound and will assist with evaluating the space. Dave estimates that it will cost \$30,000-40,000 to purchase the percussion equipment he will need for the studio. If all goes well, we could be in the building by Fall.

6. In regard to the survey that Lisa is preparing to solicit the Band membership's input, Lisa is to email the survey to Tami who will distribute it to the Board for e-discussion.

7. In regard to our website, Mark has done a great job in updating the look of our site. He reports that he is updating the pictures section of the site. Tami pointed out the the Background section and sound recording clips need to be updated.

All suggestions for updates are to be emailed to Mark. Joe will send the audio he has from the last McAffe concert to the Board for review. Dave pointed out that the purpose statement for the Band from our bylaws that is posted on our website states that the Band is, in fact, a performance group as opposed to a rehearsal group.

8. Dave also informed the Board that his employer, Intel, has donated \$2130.00 for 2010 for the volunteer hours he has worked on behalf of the Band.

Closing

Tami moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. Vern seconded the motion and the motion carried.