

## SJMB Board Meeting Minutes

July 19, 2010

### Opening

Dave Brown, President, called the monthly meeting of the San Jose Metropolitan Band Board of Directors to order at 6:31 p.m. on Monday, July 19, 2010. The meeting was held at Valley Christian High School, San Jose, CA. This meeting serves as the joint meeting of the old and new Boards. New Board member, Joe Quintal, was not present.

<b>2009-2010</b>	
x Dave Brown, President	Mark Bishop, MAL (Webmaster)
x Vern Chatfield, Treasurer	Claire Boswell, MAL (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 (Membership)

### Approval of Minutes

Vern moved that the June minutes be approved. Steve seconded the motion and the motion carried.

### Treasurer's Report

1. Checking account balance: \$1623.05. Savings account balance: \$5750.07. CD balance: \$3166.58 with a maturation date of March 3, 2011. There are no outstanding checks.

2. Vern stated that we are doing okay financially and that we are not underwater yet. He informed the Board that he will need to purchase shirts in the next couple of days and that the membership donations drive will start in September.

## **Old Business**

1. Morgan Hill Fourth of July Parade: Greg reported that we received third place in our category in the judging. We are expecting a check for \$1000.00 for our participation. Discussion took place as to how we can improve for next year. a) Dave observed that we played too late in relation to the judges stand. Greg stated that we need to change the drum cadences so there is a roll-off within four bars of his signal. b) It was agreed by general consent that, in the future, we don't want to stop to pick up passengers once the truck has started to move due to safety concerns. c) There were some sync problems between the front and the back of the truck. Greg pointed out that this problem would be helped by a strong bass drummer with the right type of mallet that can be heard. d) It was pointed out that the coolers in the front did not look good, unless they could be covered up or decorated. e) Seating was also a problem. Some areas of the truck were too crowded and didn't make sense instrumentation-wise. Greg stated that next time he will get a list of the players who are attending ahead of time and map out the seating prior to the gig. f) Lastly, it was agreed by general consent that, in the future, lyres and flip folders will be required - no music stands.

## **New Business**

1. Upcoming gigs: Admissions Day on September 11 (we have five rehearsals left) and Spirit of Japantown on October 2 (we will again be performing on the Hawaiian Stage).

2. Tami pointed out that, at the next meeting, we need to settle on job descriptions for the new Board.

3. It was agreed that we need to find a venue for Christmas time, particularly in light of the fact that there will be no Christmas in the Park this year as the city of San Jose isn't funding it. Greg reported that West Valley College would like to do a joint concert with us. He will check to see if they would be interested in a Holiday Concert. It was pointed out that a Senior Center venue is also a possibility and something to continue to explore, as well as a possible Holiday Concert for EMQ Families First or Help One Child, as we did last year. Tami agreed to ask Lee to check with his contact at Help One Child.

4. It was pointed out that there is a large Senior Center complex on Branham, between Snell and Pearl, that could be investigated. Tami pointed out that we

need someone who is willing to make calls. Hopefully, someone on the new Board will agree to take this on.

5. Tami suggested that the Board consider a second shirt option, in addition to the polo shirts, possibly a t-shirt.

6. Tami announced that the next Board meeting will be at her home on August 16 at 5:30 prior to the Summer Potluck.

7. Greg reminded the Board that Joe Quintal prepared a list of music samples and sent it out via the Yahoo Group. Joe is asking for input for possible new music purchases. Greg suggested that we also post a music "wish list" on our website with links so that people could easily purchase music for the band, if they so desire.

8. Greg reported that we have received nice thank you letters from MAEP and EMQ Families First. These will be given to Becky to file with our grant/p.r. packet.

#### **Closing**

Tami moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. Vern seconded the motion and the motion carried.