

SJMB Board Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2009

Opening

Dave Brown, President, called the monthly meeting of the San Jose Metropolitan Band Board of Directors to order at 6:40 p.m. on Monday, October 19, 2009. The meeting was held at Valley Christian High School, San Jose, CA.

2009-2010	
x Dave Brown, President	x Mark Bishop, MAL (Webmaster)
x Vern Chatfield, Treasurer	x Claire Boswell, MAL
x Tami Bois, Secretary	Steve Woloshin, MAL
x Greg Bergantz, Musical Director	x Becky Rambow, MAL
April Hixson-Goldsmith, Librarian	x Lisa Miller, MAL

Approval of Minutes

Claire informed the Board of one addition to the September minutes. Becky moved that the minutes be approved after the addition is emailed to Mark for posting on the website. Vern seconded the motion and the motion carried with two abstentions.

Old Business

Japantown Festival

- Greg stated that the gig went well and we were on time. Even with an encore, we had plenty of time. We played well, especially in the first half. The second half got a little sloppy. In addition, the weather was nice and the audience attendance was pretty good. The band enjoyed the venue and the consensus is that we would like to do it again next year. Dave stated that we will be invited back.

New Business

1. The question was posed as to whether we would like to pursue the Oktoberfest gig in Campbell next year. The consensus was no due to past dissatisfaction with the venue and preferring to perform at the Japantown Festival instead.

2. Tami proposed that the Board plan two formal concerts per year for the future. It was agreed by general consent that this was reasonable and a good goal. The Board liked the idea of making the Spring Concert a Benefit as was done last year. Discussion ensued regarding possible venues and the idea of earmarking the benefit concert idea as a project idea for our Rotary grant proposal.

3. Becky had been working on the grant proposal for the Almaden Rotary and needed to finalize a project idea and balance sheet and budget numbers. It was agreed by general consent that our grant proposal project will be a benefit for EMQ. Lisa, who works with this organization, stated that she thought they would be thrilled to have us do a benefit. She said she would check with them regarding details.

4. Dave suggested McAffy Theater at Saratoga HS for the proposed event and proceeded to look up details regarding the venue on the internet. He discovered that the theater seats 569 and, based on the website information, the Board estimated the total cost of putting on the event to be \$2500.00, including renting the theater for a rehearsal and concert, hiring a technician, and publicity.

5. Last year's budget numbers for the grant proposal: insurance \$1000.00, music \$1500.00, Greg's salary \$4000.00, Tami's salary \$1200.00. A list of our assets was also discussed. In addition, a list from our last grant proposal will be located.

6. Last week Becky attended a grant meeting hosted by the Arts Council of Silicon Valley. We will be pursuing a grant from them this year and a preliminary proposal is due on November 30.

7. In the process of preparing the numbers for the grant proposal, Becky discovered that member donations have dropped off dramatically since last year. It was noted that this trend began around the time that we changed the terminology from "dues" to "donation." It was agreed that we will let the membership know about the need for more donations.

8. Lisa suggested that the Band purchase an Eb clarinet to have on hand for pieces that require it. It was agreed by general consent that this is something we would like to pursue when funds become available, or possibly as part of a grant proposal. The initial estimate of cost from web research is \$3000.00.

9. Treasurer's Report

- As of 10/19/09: checking account balance \$769.33, savings account \$7144.69, certificate of deposit that matures on March 23, 2010 \$3146.72.

Closing

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