

# Gorge Winds Board Meeting Minutes

## February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015

### Call to order

By: Rick Cowart, President - Time: 6:08pm - Location: The Dalles MS

### Members Present

Rick Cowart, President

Ed Price, Member-at-Large

Betsy Frazier, Treasurer & Past-President

Barbara Thrasher, Vice President

Sam Grotte, Musical Director

(by video link)

Melody Hudson, Member-at-Large

Larry Loop, Co-Conductor

### Approval of Minutes

**Minutes of December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**Motion: Melody moved to accept the minutes as presented**

**Second: Sam seconded**

**Approved: Unanimously**

### Financial Report

Betsy presented the figures from the Christmas Concert. We collected 1,073.00 from the event. She paid all of the expenses from the concert first. Total Concert Expenses came to \$271.54. The payment to the Civic then came to \$459.80. Current balance stands at \$3256.13

**Motion: Ed moved to accept the Treasurer's financial as presented**

**Second: Melody seconded**

**Approved: Unanimously**

### Old Business

#### **Concert Review**

Rick stated he was very pleased with how the Christmas Concert turned out. He commended everyone on their work to pull everything together and make it a memorable event. Everyone agreed that the advertising campaign was a big reason for the success and will continue with that strategy for the upcoming spring concert in April.

### **Nathan Parker's resignation**

President Rick Cowart informed the board that Co-Conductor Nathan Parker has chosen to resign from the Gorge Winds Concert Band. In a phone conversation with Nathan, Rick explained that Nathan needed to spend more time with his job, and needed to spend more time with his family. He also stated that Nathan thanked the board for the opportunity to conduct the GWCB and wished us well for the future.

The Board then discussed how Nathan would be replaced. A discussion then ensued to ask Sam Grotte and Larry Loop to conduct the band and to form a "search committee" to find a replacement by the end of the year. Larry Loop then expressed his intention to resign as well if that were to take place. He said that he enjoyed conducting the GWCB but he felt this would be a slap in the face if the board followed through with the committee. Further discussion continued. President Rick Cowart then offered a suggestion to continue with Sam and Larry as if for no other reason than we should stick by our own. He said, "They know what we can and cannot do and how far they can go with us. This makes a lot more sense at this point. The Board agreed.

**Motion: Betsy moved to offer Sam a position as Co-Conductor and to keep Larry in his current position.**

**Second: Melody seconded**

**Approval: Unanimously**

### **Forming of Committees**

#### **Fund-raising Committee**

A fund raising committee was formed to raise funds for the GWCB. The members are: Rick Cowart, Betsy Frazier, Ed Price and Band Member Doug Carr.

#### **Membership Recruitment Committee**

The Membership Committee will be formed at a later time.

### **Copier Update**

Sam reported that our copier, which was having problems, seems to be working just fine. The Board discussed about finding information about getting a new one. Betsy said that she would get some info off the internet for the next meeting.

### **Any other New Business**

Sam reported that he had received a letter Wasco County Assessor's Office about property owned by the organization. Betsy felt that there would be nothing to report. Sam said that he would check out with them.

**Next Meeting**

Date: March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Time: 5:45pm

Location: The Dalles Middle School, stage

**Adjournment**

Motion: Ed moved to adjourn

Second: Melody Seconded

Approved: Unanimously

Time: 8:00pm