

## **Gorge Winds Board Meeting Minutes**

**2/7/19**

### **Call to order:**

- By: Rick Cowart, President
- Time: 6:02
- Location: The Dalles Middle School,

### **Members Present:**

- Rick Cowart, President
- Doug Carr, Vice President
- Betsy Frazier, Treasurer
- Linda Oram, Secretary
- Mike Nagle, Member-at-large
- Barbara Thrasher, Member-at-large
- Larry Loop, Conductor

### **Approval of minutes:**

- Amendment:
  - Doug is VP; Barb is Member at Large
- Motion to approve 12/13/18 minutes as amended: Barb
- Second: Mike
- Approved: Unanimously

### **Financial Report:**

- Betsy and Linda will go to the bank tomorrow to remove Pam Ackerman from the checking account and add Linda
- Betsy: reported on Income & Expenses for December 2018
  - Income from the patrons & sponsors
  - Expenses: Advertising, Thank You, Reimbursement, Church Rental
- Treasurer's Report
  - FM rewards: participating members need to renew every year
  - Bought a lock for trailer & renewed the trailer registration/tags
  - Betsy is taking care of all the end-of-year, legal red-tape for the non-profit org. **Thank you, Betsy!**
- Motion to approve the Treasure's Report: Mike

- Second: Doug
- Approved: unanimously

### **Old Business:**

- The date of our first rehearsal in 2019 was delayed one week due to a schedule conflict for the band room. Tonight is the first rehearsal of the new year!
- Christmas Concert Review
  - Lots of people! Amazing for the late date (12/23/18)
  - **Doug** will download the music from YouTube to an MP3 or WAV file, 44 kHz or better.

### **New Business:**

- The need for a Librarian:
  - Barb has been working on the music, so is filling that need. **Thank you, Barb!**
- What to do about liability insurance:
  - Right now, we have no Liability Insurance; the annual cost would be: \$1080.
  - Barb: GoFundMe is being used to raise money for liability insurance by some car clubs, park volunteers and other groups; transaction fee of 2.9% for each gift received. We could set up a GoFundMe page and ask our members to donate it and to spread the word to family & friends.
  - Discussion: We should try to do SOMETHING as a fundraiser.

### **Other**

- **Rick: Overall, we need to come up with a way to be better funded.**
  - Require membership?
    - Would people pay \$10/yr? Some other groups require \$50/yr.
    - Barb requests to have the band asked if people are willing to pay \$10/year
  - Rick still has feelers out for a Grant Writer.
  - Rick asks that we seriously think of funding ideas; it will be a topic for the next meeting.

- **Barb suggests we also look at ways to cut costs.**
  - For example, we could reduce the 4-page concert program to 2 pages. We no longer need the program notes for the individual pieces. This reduction would cut the cost and time.
- **Rick:** We need a list of donors: another discussion item for the next meeting
- **December 2019 concert date:**
  - Linda emailed Mark Steighner to notify him of the GWCB's December 15<sup>th</sup> concert date and asked he might avoid that date when scheduling his concerts next year. He replied, "We'll try, but weekends in December are limited, and other events have already been scheduled. For example, we can't conflict with the dance recital (first weekend) and the third weekend is the beginning of Christmas break."
  - Linda suggests maybe one or the other group consider a Saturday performance.
- **Trailer registration:**
  - **On 12/19/18, Larry sent the board members an email stating, "I renewed the license plate on the trailer today. It was \$116.00 for two years. I asked about the need for licensing it and was told it is based on weight, and that we need the license plate. Betsy, I have the receipt from DMV, and will have it for you tomorrow night."**

**Next Meeting:**

- Date: 3/7/19
- Time: 6:00 pm
- Location: TD Middle School,

**Meeting Adjourned:**

- Time: 6:45

Minutes recorded by:



Linda L Oram