

**Gorge Winds Concert Band
Board Meeting
1/9/2020
6:00 PM @ Casa El Mirador**

Call to order:

- By: Barb Hernandez, Vice President
- Time: 6:12
- Location: Casa El Mirador

Members Present:

- Absent: Rick Cowart, President
- Barbara Hernandez, Vice President
- Betsy Frazier, Treasurer
- Linda Oram, Secretary
- Danny Schneider, Interim-Conductor
- Mike Nagle, Member-at-large
- Dennis Williams, Member-at-large

Approval of 12/19/19 minutes:

- Amendment: 3 typos
- Motion to accept as amended: Mike
- Second: Betsy
- Approved: Unanimously

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Financial Report:

- **Presented by Betsy: Treasurer Report, Christmas Concert income & expenses, 2020 Budget**
 - Danny said he doesn't foresee a need to spend money on the 4th of July and Halloween Concerts.
 - Betsy can remove the money for that concert music from the expenses in the 2020 budget.
- Motion to accept: Linda
- Second: Mike
- Approved: Unanimously

- **Old Business**
 - **Betsy** visited the bank and learned that we need to present a copy of the minutes noting Larry's retirement.

- **Larry Loop has resigned** as the Director/Conductor of the Gorge Winds Concert Band, effective 12/23/19, as he wishes to spend more time traveling and with his family.
 - The Board needs him removed from the checking account
 - The Board needs him removed from the credit card
 - The Board needs him removed from any other legal documents associated with the Gorge Winds Concert Band.
- **Betsy:** update on Personal Property Insurance for the storage unit
 - It would cost \$428 to insure the music and other storage unit contents for one year
 - Do we want to purchase Personal Property Insurance?
 - Rick will look for a company with less expensive premiums.
 - If we insure the music for a lesser value, how would that affect the premiums?
 - Discussion tabled until we receive more information.
- **Betsy:** Review of the Christmas Concert
 - **Attendance:** well attended
 - **Gate donations:** \$1750!!! The “suggested donation” format is working well.
 - **Rental fee payment:** paid \$300 for the 12/22/19 concert.
 - Betsy included a thank you note for the use of the building with the rental fee. The staff and volunteers do more than we previously knew:
 - Brenda Acre, church secretary, arrangement for building use
 - Carol Sutherland & the hospitality committee (church volunteers) did the tables set-up (gate & refreshment tables), coffee, clean-up of the hospitality room, locking up, etc..
 - Peter Hall, church sound and video engineer. Church video support: (lighting, audio and visual effects, video to the church YouTube channel)
 - Larry suggests we consider paying the price for the use of the sound/video technician if they let us use the facility for free.
 - Do we need to have this? We hadn’t requested it.
- **Way to improve flow at intermission?**
 - One entrance instead of two? Then we could have one cash box.
 - We would need to talk with the church staff to see if we can block an exit.
 - Spread tables out more to spread people out during the intermission.
- **Update on future fees at Calvary Baptist Church**
 - Larry has a verbal agreement from Chris Zukin that the venue fees will not increase at Calvary Baptist.

- Linda contacted Larry on Tuesday to see if he had heard any more about Chris Zukin suggesting to the Church Board that GWCB's fees be waived. Larry says he will check with Chris if he sees him at church on Sunday.
 - If there's no information available by our next meeting, Danny will contact Chris Zukin about the possibility of no rental fee.
 - **Where should the 5-minute public comment be in future agendas?**
 - Last, just before rehearsal
 - **Approved by consensus.**
- **New Business**
 - **Linda: Review of today's Selection Committee Meeting**
 - Selection Criteria Presented to the Board for approval
 - Move to accept the criteria as presented: Danny
 - Second: Betsy
 - Approved: Unanimously
 - The remainder of the Committee Meeting was summarized.
 - **Spring concert information needed for Danny:**
 - Will the concert honor past conductors? That will make a difference in how much music he picks out. He's currently shooting for an hour of music.
 - After discussion, Danny suggested it about celebrating past conductors rather than an anniversary concert. The Board agreed.
 - We will dedicate the second half of the concert to past conductors.
 - Danny will check with Sam to see what he would like to conduct.
 - Danny will check with Larry to see if he will be available to conduct.
 - Greg has a piece picked out that he would like to conduct.
 - **Storage building: keys and moving the music.**
 - Dennis had five sets of keys made (three keys/set); he will need reimbursement.
 - Discover Rentals has a hydraulic trailer with two refrigerator dollies, for \$130; it needs to be hauled by ¾-ton truck.
 - Who has a ¾-ton pick-up and would be willing to help move?
 - **Betsy** will send out an e-mail to the band asking for a ¾-ton pickup and for people willing to help move the music.
 - Who: it will only take 4-5 people.
 - When: TBD after getting the truck and a list of potential people

- **Future discussion items:**

- Additional board position: liaison with The Dalles School District and other concert venues.
 - Should we have a yearly evaluation of the Director? Should the Director be a voting board member? (Both items would require by-laws changes.)
 - Look at non-church venues. Include a re-visit of the Civic Auditorium
 - The search for additional sponsors needs to continue this spring:
 - Revise: recognition in both the 2020 Concert flyers
 - Re-format ¼ page layout
 - Concert flyers need to be ready six weeks in advance, as Chris Zukins uses them for the billboard layout.
 - Danny will reach out to Chris in February to ask if he is willing to continue advertising the GWCB.
 - We need to revisit the use of a PO Box: several things need to have the address changed (liability insurance, bank, storage unit, trailer registration).
- Danny will be there to open TDMS at 6:15 on February 6th
 - Betsy: suggested a closing comment from Board Members about the meeting, as a way to wrap up the meeting.
 - Dinner was nice; we weren't looking at the clock; food was good; it was good to have Danny join us.

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Next Meeting:

- Date: 2/13/2020
- Time: 6:00 PM
- Location: TD Middle School,

Meeting Adjourned:

- Moved:
- Seconded:
- Approved: **Approved by consensus**
- Time: 7:32

Minutes recorded by:

Linda L. Oram

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