

KOS Executive Board Post Concert Meeting
January 6,2024

*Call to order at 9:20 A.M. by Kathy Haldeman

*Attendance was taken with the following present: Kathy, Noel. Bob. Pete, Janet. Libby, Mike, Brittany, Les,and Craig.

*Carol McNeil has resigned her position on the board and Brittany Schofield has been asked to fill that position as an at-large member until the elections. All felt this was a good idea.

*Meeting was held at the home of Craig Lilly. Moving forward our board meetings will take place at Howard Middle School at 6PM on the Monday after our concerts

*Minutes from the last meeting had already been approved by online vote.

*Treasurer's Report-Libby

The treasurer's report was passed out to all members and is attached here. Libby pointed out that donations from the last two concerts were good, however the bottom line

was affected by the cost of fireworks for the Veteran's Day Concert.

Discussion followed.

Bob moved to accept this report and Janet seconded. Vote was taken and all approved.

*Concert Review

Craig felt the overall sound was good. Audience was enthusiastic with many great comments.

Other member comments:

Many members felt we were somewhat under rehearsed due to the number of programs that we were preparing for from September through December. Discussion followed about limiting our other concerts before the December program.

There were sound issues with the Veteran's Day Concert. We will borrow choir mics from Ocala Palms to see if that will solve the problem before we invest in new equipment.

Kathy reminded us that we need to be doing some community outreach or advertise more if we want to keep and grow our audience.

*Discussion Topics

Followup discussion addressed the situation with use of our band pins. Libby has found a way to add magnets so they can be used on our new uniforms. In the future we will purchase pins with magnetic backs already attached

We are still looking for ideas for community pre concert possibilities. High school groups were mentioned as a possibility. Brittany will look into this.

We have the opportunity to participate in Give4Marion through the Community Foundation. Kathy and Pete will attend a meeting in regards to this on January 16th. Kathy moved that we approve their participation in this important meeting. Janet seconded and approval was unanimous.

Noel updated the group on the scholarship process. Two students have been identified as eligible and will be given applications and directions at Monday night's rehearsal.

Concert Venue has been secured for March 2nd and 3rd and May 4th and 5th. We discussed returning to a July concert. Les shared that the Veterans would like for us to do a Father's Day evening concert which would be the finale to their day long celebration on June 16th, 2024. It would conclude with a fireworks display. The decision was made to participate in this concert and then take off June 17th until after July 8th. There would be no July concert. This would give us ample time to prepare for Veteran's Day and Christmas. The motion was made by Pete and seconded by Mike to play the June 6th concert and forgo the July program. All approved.

Les also motioned that we should begin playing one "By Request" number on each concert with consideration being given to band member's requests as well. Brittany seconded this motion. The vote was taken and all approved.

There was some discussion about using the Ceremonial Band as a group that could perform at community events instead of the entire band. Further discussion is needed.

We discussed the responsibilities of the President and thought we should have these responsibilities more evenly distributed amongst the board members. The list will be broken down into smaller categories and sent to board members for comment. The end product will be a concise list of board member responsibilities

to present before the upcoming nominations and elections for new board members.

We will begin the election process in the next month and hold elections in March.

The discussion item on MTI and storage was tabled until the next meeting.

Kathy reminded us that we won the Road Banner Lottery and need to stay on top of what needs to be done prior to the actual hanging of the banner.

Kathy made the motion to adjourn and les seconded. All were in favor.

*The meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

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