

Kingdom of the Sun Concert Band, Inc.

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September 17, 2024

The September 16, 2024, meeting of the Kingdom of the Sun Concert Band Board was held at Howard Middle School, Ocala, FL. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Kathy Haldeman, with 10 members in attendance: Pete Axson, Dan Fisher, Kathy Haldeman, Mike Holt, Craig Lilly, Les Muncaster, Marcia Muncaster, Dave Sandgren, Brittany Schofield, and Janet Voyles. There were no absentees.

Minutes of the previous meeting were unavailable.

The Treasurer's Report was filed as reported.

Post concert comments were received from the conductor, director emeritus, and members at large, followed by discussion and recommendations:

- (1) Consistent use of a musical opener to start each performance*
- (2) Utilizing dress rehearsals to avoid confusion and ensure attention to detail and coordination of efforts regarding professional performance standards, i.e., soloists, microphone placement and usage, stage entrances/exits, etc.*
- (3) The conductor will prepare a checklist regarding setup and teardown confirming everything, including the sound and electrical systems, is in working order prior to each concert and properly stored post-performance.*
- (4) Moving Conductor's announcements recognizing new members, etc., to earlier in the concert, possibly after the first number of the second half, to, hopefully, keep some audience members from leaving prior to the Armed Services Salute*

Discussions:

- (1) Pre-concert ideas: The KOS brass group will perform in the MTI auditorium, prior to our Christmas concerts*
- (2) The KOS Ceremonial Band will be performing at Countryside Presbyterian Church on Sunday, October 27th, with Dianna Read announcing*
- (3) Janet has signed KOS up for participation in the city ArtWalks (September-May, with exclusion of March)*
- (4) Les has confirmed details for this year's Veterans Light the Stars performance with Ron Opplinger at the Veterans Park and John Casse from the Starlighters. Dave Sandgren will be transporting equipment to the park.*
- (5) Kathy has submitted the tentative 2025 performance schedule, as indicated below, to Cindy at MTI: (Designated dress rehearsals are to be determined)*
 - a. KOS Anniversary Concerts, February 22 & 23*
 - b. By Request Concerts: April 26 & 27*
 - c. Fall Concerts: September 13 & 14*
 - d. Christmas Concerts: December 6 & 7*
- (6) Kathy informed the members that she is currently looking for a volunteer photographer & program designer*

- (7) Give4Marion – Kathy, Janet, & Kenion are participating in Give4Marion live. Beverly Lord, Libby Morgan, Dan Fisher, and Craig Lilly are online fundraisers. The event begins 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 17th. Band members were provided information regarding participation. Kenion & Torri are handling the Social Media aspect.
- (8) The purchase of a second, separate street banner to advertise next year's Christmas concerts was discussed. The time and placement of this year's banner allows us to advertise both the Veterans Light the Stars and Christmas performances. However, the lottery assignment we received for next year will allow the banner to be up for only 1 week, leading up to our 2025 Christmas concerts. Cost of the banner, without allowance for inflation, would cost \$738. A motion to bring the purchase before the members for a yes or no vote was made by Brittany. Motion seconded. Vote: No. Kathy will, subsequently, contact the city and cancel our banner selection for next year.
- (9) The 2024 "A Family Christmas" performances will include a meet & greet with Santa & Mrs. Claus.

Motion was made by Pete to adjourn. Motion seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Muncaster

Marcia Muncaster, Secretary