

The Kingdom of the Sun Concert Band, Inc.

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: July 28, 2026

Location: via Zoom

Time 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Attendees: 8 members in attendance

Absentees: 1 member absent

Board Members	
☒ Dan Burhing, President	☒ Member Dan Fisher
☒ Dave Sandgren, Vice President	☒ Member Janet Voyles
☒ Julie Wands, Secretary	☒ Member Torri Wands
☒ Pete Axson, Treasurer	☐ Member Brittany Schofield
Others in attendance: N/A	☐

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 by President, Dan Burhing with quorum established with 7 members present.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve by Dan Fisher, second by Janet Voyles, passed.

Give4Marion: Dan B. and Janet Voyles are leading the Give4Marion effort, and the website is now active. This is the band's only major fundraiser, so full membership support is needed. The Board discussed asking every member to donate, with a \$10 minimum and a recommended minimum of \$20. Last year, about half of the members contributed; this year, the goal is to increase participation by at least 20%. Because the band is not financially self-sustaining, donations are essential to its continued operation. Janet will send an email to the band with additional Give4Marion details. The fundraising goal is \$15,000, compared with approximately \$11,000 raised last year.

Music Selection Committee: Dan B clarified that the Board has final authority over music and themes, but the committee should work without micromanagement. The committee will provide music selections four months before each concert, and the Board will approve themes and music, not individual pieces or concert order. The Board affirmed its support for the committee's role in selecting music.

Countryside Concert Program Changes: The board discussed concerns about changes to the Countryside concert program, effectively nullifying the previous work of the Music Selection Committee. Dan B explained that while the committee typically handles music selection, the board has the authority to approve or deny programs, though this power hasn't been formally exercised in the past. The group agreed that the current committee's proposal should be brought to the board for a vote to establish clear approval processes and prevent further changes once approved.

September Advertising – Torri is nearing completion but still needs information on patrons, advertisers, donation dates, and who maintained those lists. Pete will run a QuickBooks donation report covering the past 1½ years. Sound Exchange will remain an exception because of its long-standing support, though Pete indicated he may reconnect with them. The Board also discussed the printing timeline; Jody Phillips is the contact at Phillips Printing. Dan F. negotiated a 15% discount. Torri is inquiring about reducing the program size and adding Give4Marion to the program.

September Concert (Car Show): The Board discussed plans for the upcoming car show, with Janet seeking clarification on details needed for press releases. It was determined that advertising should be general rather than specific about car types until confirmed arrangements are made, with Torri agreeing to contact car show organizers for more information. Pete said he believes our insurance allows the appropriate coverage for a Car Show.

Budget for Purchasing Music: No budget has been set, but music spending since June has been higher than in previous periods. The Board suggested limiting purchases to one or two pieces per concert and requested that Pete provide additional analysis of past music expenditures.

Music Library: The Board discussed major problems with the music library's organization. Dan B. suggested either moving fully digital or requiring stricter accountability. The Board agreed to a hybrid approach: order new music digitally while maintaining the paper library. Julie and Dan F. volunteered to clean up the existing system and have already made progress cataloging, sorting, and filing music from storage and folders. They will set stricter organization standards and return poorly organized folders to the parties responsible. Dan F. also created a sign-in/sign-out sheet for checking music in and out of the library.

Patron List – Melissa is no longer with the band. She wants to help with the transition and sit down with the person who will replace her efforts with the Patron List. Dan B proposed that his wife, Sue, take this role to get our patron list up and running and current. Motion to approve made by Janet, second by Julie, approved.

By Laws 2026 Update - The board voted to approve revised 2026 By Law which include new provisions for electronic meetings, board member attendance requirements, and Director removal processes. Motion to approve by Julie, second by Janet, approved. Once signed, Dan will provide the official copy to Mike Brady for the website.

Art Walk – Janet will continue to participate in the Art Walk events to support community connection for KOS.

Advertising with the Ocala Civic Theater: The Board approved advertising in the Ocala Civic Theater program for the upcoming season. Janet will contact the theater about advertising and copy Torri on related emails.

Scripting for Concerts: There was discussion about the script writing responsibilities for concerts. Dan B will have a discussion with the music committee about Diana as the announcer and the scripting. He will follow up with the Board. As far as he understands, Diana is writing the script for September.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Torri, seconded by Pete, approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Submitted by: Julie A Wands, Secretary

Approved: 08/30/2026 JW