

Kingdom of the Sun Concert Band, Inc.

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The February 23, 2026, meeting of the Board of Directors of the Kingdom of the Sun Concert Band was held at Panera Bread, Ocala, FL. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Kathy Haldeman, with 9 members in attendance: Pete Axson, Dan Fisher, Kathy Haldeman, Craig Lilly, Les Muncaster, Marcia Muncaster, Dave Sandgren, Brittany Schofield, and Janet Voyles, and no absentees.

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted by electronic consensus and filed as reported.

After discussion, motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, as filed, was made by Brittany and seconded by Craig. Motion passed. Pete advised that, in his estimation, an update to QuickBooks is currently unnecessary; he will notify the Board if this changes in the future. Kathy also advised the Board that the current rent for storage at Cube Smart is being increased \$22/month for a total of \$1752 annually.

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

- (1) Stronger performance and larger, more receptive audience on Sunday. The negative effect of minimal rehearsal time and programming of some heavier selections was discussed at length. It was recommended that programming be based more on rehearsal time and the musical abilities of members.

Discussions:

- (1) Number of Concert Performers - Following an in-depth discussion regarding the number of musicians onstage during concerts, a motion was made by Marcia requesting the conductor, with the advice of section leaders, compile a list limiting the number of concert performers required in each section to a maximum number. Three weeks prior to concert weekends, an exact list of which musicians will be performing will be provided to the band, with the caveat that all musicians will still be expected to

attend rehearsals, should any concert substitutions be necessary. Motion seconded by Dan. Motion carried.

- (2) April Concert – The Board was asked for suggestions for April 26th pre-concert music. Any performance must coincide with the patriotic theme. April dress rehearsal has been confirmed for Saturday, April 25, noon to 3:00 p.m., with the concert on Sunday at 3:00 p.m., pre-concert 45 minutes prior. The KOS Scholarship will be presented at that time with the recipient, Elizabeth Graff, conducting one concert number.*
- (3) KOS Board Elections – Kathy and Dave will explain the KOS pre-election and election process at the March 2nd rehearsal. Kathy also suggested that the newly elected Board review the current bylaws and incorporate any necessary amendments.*
- (4) Veterans Helping Veterans Performance Request – Kathy has received a performance request from Veterans Helping Veterans for KOS support for a function at the SE Livestock Pavillion at 6:00 p.m. on March 19th. This item was tabled pursuant to the receipt of additional information, at which point, the Board will be notified for their consideration.*
- (5) Amended Rehearsal Schedule – An amended rehearsal schedule to accommodate the July 4th concert at the Veterans Memorial Park was discussed. Alternatives to Howard Middle School were suggested, including MTI auditorium and the Veterans Park. This performance is a community-wide celebration for America's 250th anniversary and an important community outreach and public relations event for KOS. It was suggested that the summer rehearsal break be moved to July 6-27, returning to regular rehearsals August 2nd.*
- (6) School Board Partnership Proposal – A letter, prepared by Marcia, proposing a partnership with the Marion County Public Schools, formal or informal, was brought before the Board for consideration. The suggested partnership could, potentially, improve the current relationship between KOS and MCPS, including priority consideration for scheduling of performances and establishing KOS as an organizational conduit for the donation of instruments for the use of Marion County band students. Receiving unanimous Board approval, Kathy will submit the letter to the Marion County School Board for their consideration.*
- (7) September Concert Dates – Since the Give4Marion Non-Profit campaign is scheduled for September 15-16, Kathy suggested September 13 & 14, 2026, as concert dates, so that patron donations may be used as “seed” money to Give4Marion. The suggestion was met with Board approval.*
- (8) Patriotic Band Suggestions – Dan presented a list of suggested patriotic selections for future concerts, in recognition of this year's U.S. anniversary. The Board thanked Dan for his recommendations.*

Motion to adjourn was made by Brittany, seconded by Pete. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Muncaster

Marcia Muncaster, Secretary