

# *Kingdom of the Sun Concert Band, Inc.*

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*The February 25, 2025, meeting of the Kingdom of the Sun Concert Band Board was held at Panera Bread, Ocala, FL. The meeting was called to order at 6:27 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. There were no absentees.*

*Minutes of the previous meeting were filed as reported.*

*After discussion, motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Les and seconded by Craig. Motion carried.*

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

- (1) Positive response from audience and Board members for both performances included: audience attendance; musicality; programming; donations; publicity, with a special thank you to Janet for the Ocala Gazette article; and, especially, the patriotic finale and military veteran tribute, including military service flags and presentation of the Colors.*
- (2) An injury to one of the audience members prompted a discussion regarding the potential hazard of electrical/sound cords not properly secured. Pete will research and/or purchase appropriate cord covers, and using gaffers/stage tape or other secure measures for cords will be discussed with Kenion. Dan is responsible for maintaining our first aid kit.*
- (3) At the recommendation of the President, the Board has suggested that music from each concert be turned in at the first post-performance rehearsal, either by individual members or section leaders. This should allow for organized and less chaotic collection of music. Removal and filing of all remaining music from performance folders prior to the summer break was also discussed, with the suggestion that volunteers from the band assist the conductor with the collection, sorting and filing of music in individual music folders. It was also recommended that at least one additional music storage case be purchased.*

*Discussions:*

- (1) Purchase of recognition pins and bars is no longer feasible, due to shipping requirements and restrictions. Dave will check on alternatives. It was also suggested that, in lieu of pins, the number of years of participation be indicated on the band member page in the performance program, i.e., asterisk(s) by each name with a legend showing years represented by each.*
- (2) Pre-concert entertainment for the April 26<sup>th</sup> concert will feature Brittany's jazz band; Sunday pre-concert TBA. Other possibilities, from within the band or community, were also discussed for pre-concert and concert participation, i.e., bell or school choir at Christmas.*

- (3) Pursuant to a recommendation from Pete, a motion was made by Janet and seconded by Dan that Pete purchase a current upgrade, by monthly subscription, for Quick Books. Motion carried. The purchase of a new computer for the treasurer's use was tabled for further discussion.
- (4) Kathy will be hiring a photographer to take formal band pictures, possibly during the September concert dress rehearsal.
- (5) Les has confirmed details for this year's Memorial Day participation at the Veteran's Park. Band report is tentatively set for 9:00 a.m., with downbeat 30 minutes prior to the 10:00 ceremony. Les also confirmed the 2025 Veterans Light the Stars for Sunday, November 9, at the Veterans Park.
- (6) The following performance dates have been confirmed with Cindy at MTI:
  - a. By Request Concerts: April 26 & 27 (Dress rehearsal Monday, April 21)
  - b. Fall Concerts: September 13 & 14 (Dress rehearsal TBD)
  - c. Christmas Concerts: December 6 & 7 (Dress rehearsal TBD)
- (7) Eligibility for the annual scholarship program was discussed. Elizabeth Daubenmire is the only student eligible this year. We will be looking for a band member to take over the scholarship program.
- (8) Resuming concerts at the Ft. McCoy Veterans Home was open for discussion. Dave & Pete will contact the director for more information regarding scheduling, logistics, feasibility, etc.
- (9) The possibility of changing concerts to one Sunday performance, with a dress rehearsal on Saturday, was discussed at length. Future availability of MTI auditorium, along with financial concerns, may make this a viable option; however, not at this point in time. A recommendation that the Monday rehearsal of performance week become the band's dress rehearsal, in lieu of a Thursday or Friday rehearsal, was discussed as an alternative to going to just 1 performance. This topic will be revisited as time and circumstances dictate.
- (10) Finding another band member to replace Mike Holt on the Board was discussed. A motion to consider someone outside the band to fill the vacant position was made by Dave and seconded by Brittany. Motion carried. In the meantime, the position will remain open.

Motion to adjourn was made by Pete, seconded by Janet. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marcia Muncaster*

Marcia Muncaster, Secretary