

DESERT FOOTHILLS NEW HORIZONS BAND
Board of Director's Meeting, Feb. 12, 2008

Meeting was called to order at 12 noon by President Richard Seaman. Board members present included Betty Woelfel, Juanita Kuester, Ron Phillips and Jean Miller. Barbara Spack was absent.

Secretary's Report Minutes from January 22 were approved as distributed as well as the minutes from the Annual Meeting on Jan. 31, 2008.

Treasurer's Report Accepted as distributed. Present balances are:
Checking.....\$316.16
Savings.....\$4837.46
6 mo CD...\$3000.

Old Business

1. Spring Calendar: location of Spring concert to be determined.
2. Results and discussion of Member Survey: The complete results of the survey are attached to these minutes. Discussion followed and included:
 - a. Commissioning a piece of music: Ron wishes to continue with this pursuit depending upon funding.
 - b. The Wind Synthesizer: \$500 was donated specifically for this purpose. The Board VOTED to continue with the purchase of it.
 - c. Signature Piece: The Board VOTED to pursue this item further. "American Riversong, When I am 64, Tropical Twilight, and Friends" were eliminated.
 - d. Making of a CD was discussed and thought to be not appropriate at this time for lack of repertoire. We may ask Sharon Sanders to take over this project (NOTE...see comments.)
 - e. To employ a second conductor: This item requires further study. It was noted in the Comments section of the survey that Ron needs assistance in administrative details. To assist Ron, it was VOTED to ask all Band members to help with the set-up and take-down of the cafeteria.
 - f. A sound system: Ken Bridges has offered the use of his system.
 - g. In response to the Comments section of the survey, the Board unanimously VOTED the following:
 - 1) We do not need to raise the tuition

- 2) We cannot afford a Band Manager
- 3) We need a short break in the middle of rehearsal
- 4) We shall begin rehearsal at 1:15 with announcements and warm-up, followed by the rehearsal at 1:30.
- 5) Sufficient music stands for the entire band will be provided.
- 6) Regarding the need for a Music Librarian, it was noted that on the last day of the spring semester, all band members would turn in their music and a system should be in place to categorize the music.

h. Regarding donations and grants: This issue was addressed in 2005. The Town of Carefree donated \$500 at that time. At the present time, the Band has \$1600 in donated funds; \$500 of that was for the purchase of the Wind Synthesizer.

Conductor's Report Ron noted that last Thursday's rehearsal with our visitors from the National NH Band was excellent. He talked about the idea of a commissioned piece and thinks it is "do-able". We have a new trumpet player: Mark Wallace. There will be a student from Cactus Shadows High School at rehearsal to-day to take pictures and do interviews for the "Arts Beat" magazine. We will have a guest conductor from Canada for two sessions probably in March.

There being no further time, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Miller, Secretary