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FORT POINT GARRISON BRASS BAND
General Meeting
May 18, 2020
via Zoom

MEETING CALLED: 8:10 pm

PRESENT: Doug Thompson (President), Marty Sampson (Treasurer), Greg Sweatt (Secretary), Bill Allen, Bruce Dewing, Chris Mosher, Eric Totman, John Whitecar, Mac Wright

MEMBER CHECK-IN: FPGBB members shared their stories with the rest of the Band as to what they have been doing, what they're up to, or what projects they've been working on during the Covid19 shelter in place.

GOLDEN GATE PARK BAND FESTIVAL UPDATE: Marty updated the Band on the status of the 2020 festival. It was slowly falling apart due to the corona virus pandemic, with various bands dropping out. On April 13 the 2020 festival was cancelled.

Communication was faulty, or lacking, as to the Band's participation in the festival. Doug said that emails was not the best way to communicate to each other. "In person" or "teleconferencing," or by "telephone" is preferable, and probably the best way.

The Band's "Mission Statement" says that the FPGBB portrays an authentic 19th Century American Brass Band; we preserve, strengthen, & promote traditional American Brass Band music; educate audiences on the history of bands, instruments, musicians, and their daily life during this era; research and recognize the role of brass bands in California history; and acquire and use period appropriate music, uniforms, instruments, and equipment.

It was pointed out that the Golden Gate Park Band Festival really didn't fit the Band's mission statement.

FUTURE REHEARSALS ZOOM OR IN-PERSON: It was agreed by consensus that future FPGBB meetings would be by Zoom until the shelter in place lockdown was lifted. Once-a-month Zoom conferences would suffice until in-person meetings and rehearsals could resume.

"Real live" rehearsals would resume on a case by case basis depending on when the lockdown ends and how the Band members feel about getting together again. Public gatherings, whether in parks or at the UC Davis Arboretum, as far as rehearsals are concerned are a moot point at this time. When these venues open up once again it should be no problem rehearsing at the Arboretum. FPGBB members usually stand during rehearsals 6 feet (or close to it) apart, and when the full Band assembles it is under 10 people in size. Greg mentioned that he would try and find out about any current restrictions in using, walking in, or standing in the Arboretum.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:48 pm