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FORT POINT GARRISON BRASS BAND
ANNUAL MEETING
September 1, 2013
Silverland Inn & Suites
Virginia City, Nevada

MEETING CALLED: 2:05 pm

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: no report

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Band currently has \$2,364.12 in its account. This does not include the CCWR \$1,000 the Band is to receive after the Labor Day Civil War event. The Band received \$84.00 in CD sales prior to Gettysburg. The Band received \$700.00 from the Fairfield house refund, \$100.00 from the Band's share of the Harpers Ferry performance monies, and \$445.00 in Gettysburg CD sales. Eric reported that we have about 500 CDs still unsold; if not breaking even, we're close to it.

CALENDAR: 9/14/13- rehearsal; 9/28/13- rehearsal; 10/12/13- no rehearsal or Fort Mervine event (Doug to contact Tim Reese to let him know we can't make it); 10/26/13- rehearsal; 10/19-20/13- Fresno event (the FPGGB has been invited to play with Armory Band and at a school in Fresno... FPGGB members are on their own for that one); October Methodist church event probably will not happen for the Band; 11/9/13- Moorpark event (open invitation to the FPGGB); 11/16/13- rehearsal; 11/23/13- no rehearsal (Remembrance Day in Gettysburg); 12/6-7/13- Christmas at the Adobes in Monterey; 12/21/13- no rehearsal; March 2014- possible Ft. Tejon event; other 2014 possibilities- Alcatraz; Fallon, NV; Nevada Sesquicentennial events in Carson City; Yosemite. Marty moved (Mac second) to have Doug assemble the 2014 schedule and present it to the Band. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS: The coordinator for Civil War Alcatraz said he would give us dates for the event as soon as possible. The Fallon, NV, Civil War reenactment/fair still wants the FPGGB to attend in August. Mac mentioned that next year will be Nevada's 150th anniversary, and there may be events we might want to attend. Marty said that the Band's possibilities for Yosemite's 2014 anniversary are there, and she will explore the issues.

NEW BUSINESS: Chris mentioned that Band members could (or should) have FPGGB business cards. Eric mentioned that only one contact person, or number, should be listed and created on any Band PR material. A new brochure needs to be created. Marty said she will update our current one. Brochure ideas were bandied around. Our website needs to be updated and completed.

Marty suggested that the Band might want to make a Basic 10 core music list (a Core Repertoire) which all Band members (and especially new members) know rock solid. Then a "second tier" of 10 tunes, something new members can concentrate on; and a tertiary tier. Marty has a "25" list of tunes. Greg moved (Mac second) that we create a Basic 10 list of tunes (a Core Repertoire) the FPGGB can concentrate on. The Core list is:

- Battle Cry of Freedom
- Battle Hymn of the Republic
- Come Dearest The Daylight Is Gone
- Dixie & Bonnie Blue Flag
- Hail Columbia
- Old Joe Hooker
- Red, White, and Blue

Slumber Polka
When Johnny Comes Marching Home
Yellow Rose of Texas

motion passed. An additional 15 are to be identified.

Mac said he would like to see the Band bring both Union and Confederate uniforms to all gigs. Doug said we should send out a survey prior to events asking members what they want to wear. Greg said the less "stuff" he has to bring to an event or reenactment, the better.

Eric mentioned that when the Band performs as a Reb band we should have a different name than the FPGBB. Possible names were tossed around. Members might want to research "Confederate Band Names."

Marty talked about possible new procedures the Band should put in place when looking at new members. She presented ideas on auditions and the like; musicians' strengths and weaknesses; whether they could meet certain musical standards. Doug showed and explained the new evaluation form to be used for new members, and goals to be achieved, then the PIP (Performance Improvement Plan) for improvement expectations. The Band agreed that the evaluation process is valid.

Greg will send out an updated roster as soon as he can, listing active and probationary members, and alumni.

Bill mentioned the possibility of a percentage of our event/income go to the Mike Johnson Scholarship Fund. 10% was the amount suggested. Even our new brochure should mention that certain monies raised will go to the Fund. Bill moved (Doug second) that 10% of event income be designated to the Mike Johnson Scholarship Fund up to \$1,000 per year. Motioned passed.

Future consideration was given to the possibility of the Band buying equipment and uniforms to outfit new members until said members secure their own gear. Do we want to do this?

Band members should keep records of their expenses for their tax purposes. Marty said the FPGBB can't pay all expenses for individual members, or we'd be in the red.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Mac moved (Marty second) to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm.