

October 4th, 2018

## LACW October Meeting

1. Topic of conversation went immediately to the 9/22 combined NNM bands meeting about hosting an ACB convention. Ted gave everyone an update which boiled down to:
  - a) interest expressed by the other bands to participate.
  - b) General consensus that 2020 was too soon and that 2021 was better timing
  - c) Ted V. let the national convention board know about the timing change;
  - d) a follow up meeting was set in Santa Fe for Sat. Oct 20th @ 10:00 AM.
  - e) Considerable discussion about venue details, commitment requirements, contracts & whether a signed contract is required to get our SF Convention on the national calendar. It was agreed we were too far into the weeds and these are things that will develop following our next meeting on Oct. 20th.
  
2. Agenda items for Oct 20th meeting should probably include:
  - a) commitment level from each group,
  - b) previously discussed concert, each group's commitment (spring 2019?), and how to pull that off;
  - c) Course of action moving forward to the SF Convention with discussion of options such as a new 5013C, a more flexible plan where one group takes the lead, and a model that will tie the groups together with an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU);
  - d) discussion of whether or not to have a volunteer/unpaid leader or should we hire a dedicated group or person as a paid position . Consensus was as much dedicated volunteer as possible and utilize "collective expertise" to form committees. Also agreed that a dedicated, paid administrative person to carry out actions from leaders and committees would probably be a good investment.
  
- 2 a. Request that all of us read through all of the convention data BEFORE the next meeting and that we now have the ability and probably responsibility to take a more firm leadership role at this next meeting. Doing homework before hand will be important.
  
3. Radio Interview next week, Tues Oct 9th. Space is limited so Heidi M. and Ted V. will be there to represent all of us.
  
4. Upcoming Concerts: Discussed "to do" list. LA Daily Post has already visited rehearsal for pictures but the Monitor has not. **ACTION ITEM (HEIDI): follow up with Monitor and confirm Concert Ad with LA Daily Post.** Further discussion for concert preparations covered the logistics between Fuller Lodge on the 12th and Crossroad

Bible Church on the 13th. Ted V. has coordinated and things appear to be on track. Also discussed Christmas concert and it appears the Symphony's concert is 12/15 so (I believe?) we will plan around that date.

**4 a.** Air Force Band has enough volunteers to usher so we are set. Ted is waiting for further information on expectations etc.

**5.** Miscellaneous items:

- a) Stewart (?) not leaving area after all -- going through a phase of adjusting to retirement with a lot of travel plans so he is not playing right now but will probably return in a year. Has drum stand to gift to LACW,
- b) we need to recruit more brass!!

**6.** Improvements to percussion section. Following discussion a motion was made & seconded to purchase a new set of cymbals with existing funds. Motion was passed **ACTION ITEM (Ted) find/purchase new cymbal set.** In the future we will look at a good set of chimes AND importantly either an additional tympani drum or entire new set. **ACTION ITEM (HEIDI) Write grant proposal for entire new typani set.**

**7.** Discussion about pepping up our LACW website. **ACTION ITEM Nina will talk to son-in-law and see if he has any ideas.**