

St. Cloud Municipal Band Board Meeting Minutes

Date: March 22, 2021, 6:30 pm

Meeting Location: Online through ZOOM

Board Meeting and Re-Start Planning Meeting

Board Members present: Mike Knaak, Bob Bach, Tammy Creasy, Lucy Amundson, Vicki Johnson, Tammy Krogstad, Patric Lewandowski

Others present: Catharine Bushman, Lowell Larson, Joe Fox, David Gouker, Janet Haviland, Wayne Kuehl, Jim J, Anne Mary Wielkiewicz, Aleesha, Patrice Melom, Bob Kern, Jim Sutton, Mary Edwards, Bruce, Gail Ivers, Katie Johnson, John Creasy, Jenna Scheevel, Shelly Gehris, Roger Klaphake, Rachel Zierden, Jackie Smith, Janel Binsfeld, Katie Johnson, Jim Janehuske, Paul Habistratt, and others.

Note that this is a longer-than normal meeting – a combination of Board Meeting and Re-Start Planning meeting with the entire membership invited.

Minutes submitted by Lucy Amundson – Delayed due to computer file issue

Feb 15, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve by Vicki Johnson and Tammy Krogstad. Motion carries.

City of St. Cloud support/rehearsal space – Mike Knaak and Joe. Lengthy discussion notes:

Meeting with City, Matt Glaseman (Community Development) on 3/18/21. No funding from the City in 2021, although we did not play last year, other than 2 nursing home concerts. They asked our plans - we are hoping to get back together, rehearsing, and likely play this summer? Discussed Covid, and no rehearsal place. City Media Services Building a potential option for rehearsals and/or storage. It is currently not being utilized. Also discussed library situation. No one is using it, so we can leave our library and rehearsal without tearing down. Available for use “immediately.” Contingent on 10Mil remodel of Tech. Jan 1, 2021 reopen remodeled Tech to City Hall. We plan to review space next week. Don’t have dimensions at this time. Future support - potentially payment \$1000 per performance? Per Diem to be clarified, whether future years, or this year? Nursing homes, Memorial Day, Barden concerts – all total 15 for the year. This space would be free, and would represent a good savings without paying school district rent. Need to review security of space as well. We would have space until potentially 2024. Conversation with Matt was very positive overall. Update after our meeting on Thursday next week. Check to see if improvements to the building can be made?

Update on Memorial Pieces discussion. Catharine, Lucy, Katie. Re: Commissioning Memorial piece to honor members that have passed. Catharine is planning to have a meeting with Tim Mahr later this spring to have a piece composed for use within 1 to 3 years. Urgency not there since we have no place to rehearse at this time.

Possible summer events – Joe Fox: Summertime by George is on. We need to consider Memorial Day, July 4th, Barden Park. We are being contacted regard all three. Concern about the floor of the Showmobile, as well as save spacing using the Showmobile.

DISCUSSION NOTES – RESTART PLANNING – OPEN MEETING

Discussion regarding minimum 6 foot space, using Grid, 9 foot trombone players. Performance masks, bell covers, 30 vs 60 min sessions. Hepa filtered spaces. Not enough vaccinated people to rehearse without precautions. Catharine has not heard of any cases when bands are utilizing these strategies, even when exposures have occurred. Air circulation or outdoors. Catharine would like us to be as cautious as possible. It is expected that some members will not come back right away. Maybe a smaller 30 piece Memorial Day band can be considered?

People can come back as they feel able. Ritsche Auditorium would handle 30 pieces well. Ritsche not available Monday, likely.

A committee was formed to prepare Covid Guidelines for re-opening - written Covid Preparedness Plan in case someone comes down with it, how to quarantine, etc. Jim Sutton, Lucy Amundson, Mike Knaak, Jackie Smith, Tammy Krogstad.

Media Services Building has parking area outdoors that we could potentially use – although there may be a crane stored on the lot. They will look at that. The building may not be that well ventilated. Commercial Hepa Filter could be considered. Parking Lot is on East side of Building. Are there issues with zoning, homes on the West side. Not likely to be a concern.

Some vaccinated individuals are not ready to rehearse indoors. We should probably start an all-outdoor plan – begin looking at indoor options. Ritsche is well ventilated. Check with St Bens as well. Potentially longer outdoor rehearsals. Bell coverings outdoors as well. Same guidelines outside as inside. We need to research well in a smaller group, as research continues to come out. Cost is negligible for performance mask - \$16, Bell covers, \$4-6. Flute shields \$10. Items are re-usable, and washable.

Need a flexible plan, subject to change. What is the public perception? Do they want to see us play? Summertime by George has such a demand that if some don't go, that's fine.

State guidelines have opened up quite a bit.

Even though vaccinated, individuals can potentially still spread it, and can still get it. People in band have known individuals that got Covid (mild) even though vaccinated. Where does herd immunity kick in? 70% 85%?

Small group opportunities for rehearsal and playing.

Paul Habistradt brought up doing a survey – Joe can prepare, but thought perhaps we should consider having the section leaders do this? Survey to go out, section leaders to follow up.

Inspection group to be set up to view space.

Mike Knaak to send invites to committee for Covid Guidelines.

Informational questions can be set to Joe or Mike after this meeting.

Next meeting date: **April 12, 2021, 6:30 pm on ZOOM**. Same Zoom link for each meeting, and subcommittee meetings.

Adjournment by Mike Knaak.