

St. Cloud Municipal Band Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Sept 16 2021, 6:30 pm

Meeting Location: ZOOM

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

**Others present:** Andy Nelson, Lowell Larson, Joe Fox

**Call to order by Mike Knaak**

**August 9, 2021, Aug. 23, 2021, and Sept 7, 2021 minutes** – Patric moved to approve minutes, motion passes.

**Feedback from our first indoor rehearsal, Andy Nelson conductor.** Positive comments. Andy commented that he had fun and that the band's playing ability exceed his expectations.

**Whitney Christmas conference dates and plans:** Possible dates: Tuesday, Dec. 14, Thursday, Dec. 16, and Tuesday, Dec. 21. After discussion, we agreed to go with Thursday Dec 16, which is in line with our summer concert day of the week.

**Diversity, inclusion and equity committee report, survey and next steps:** Vicki, Lucy, Patric, Tammy K. Lucy to reach out to Vicki regarding data for returned surveys. Patric, Tammy K, and I can compile.

**City budget request: Joe** - We have had no response to our letter. Joe to reach out to his contacts.

**Possible CMAB grants:** Agenda attachment explains possible grant programs – Mike: Discussion regarding Central Mn. Arts Board Grants. We need to come up with specific needs. Next round of deadlines November 17. Per Tammy C, one-time grants are very successful. Mike commented that his grant training this summer showed that marketing and programming to increase band and audience diversity would be successful (Mike make the comment that St Cloud is now 30% non-caucasian, a significant increase from 10 years ago – programming should consider this.) Per Andy, East Central Energy also has a number of grant opportunities that should be considered. East Central Energy coverage ranges as far west as the Mississippi River.

Suggestions for grant needs:

- Chair storage racks
- Patric suggested wireless mikes.
- Outdoor concert signage
- Menu boards
- Ad Space is grantable if specific to an event

**Tammy C. presented budget documents** - Lucy made a motion to approve the budget documents, Patric second, motion carries.

**Other business:**

- Tammy C had reached out to Joel Butowski for new concert photos – 2 hours casual shots and formal shots from the balcony - \$350. Patric made a motion to proceed, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carries.
- Tammy K requested leave of absence from playing. Patric made a motion to accept, motion carries
- New rehearsal attendees and needs for additional players:
  - One new Trombone player last week (Corey Simmons), another next week.
  - Clarinets thin – Mike Murphy is working on two inquiries from this summer.
  - Perhaps Bass Clarinet? Bruce Cairns? Lowell to reach out to Katie regarding additional player. Joe has another Bass Clarinet contact, with exceptional background (Veronica Junker). Veronica to start next week.
  - Tubas – wait until Wayne gets back to see if we need more coverage.  
Andy Nelson is wondering if we have some contacts for mallet players – John Creasy may be back next week.  
Patric to reach out to another percussionist.
  - Andy brought up - We need to get our hands on music for Midway March, an SCSU piece.
  - Joe to take care of roll next week for John Creasy while he is out – everyone vaccinated except for one, who had his negative test. No pushback at all. It went well.
  - Roger Klaphake has volunteered to join the music committee, as is one opening. Everyone ok with this.
  - Per Joe – paramount is looking for dates for 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in May, 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in November.

**Next meeting.** 7:30 Zoom Oct 19, Tuesday.

**Adjourn.** Lucy motion to adjourn, motion carries.

Minutes submitted by Lucy Amundson, 10/16/21.