

St. Cloud Municipal Band Board Meeting Minutes

Date: June 14, 2021, 6:30 pm

Meeting Location: Barden Park

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

Others present: Catharine Bushman, Lowell Larson, Joe Fox

John Creasy, Roger, Tom Paddock, Katie, Mike (lawyer), Bernice Redman, Wayne, Ziemer-Gehrls

May 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes: Patric, Tammy K made motions to approve minutes – motion passed.

May 24, 2021 Meeting Minutes: Patric, Tammy K made motions to approve minutes – motion passed.

Charities Review Council – Approved – Mike Knaak update: Approval for three-year cycle. Financials are a big part of the review, which saves on having an auditor review our books. Mike Knaak and Tammy Creasy worked hard on this.

Board Self-Assessment review results – Mike Knaak: Review was fairly positive. We'll look at this later tonight. Fund-raising a topic to work on.

Media Services lease update, moving plans – Joe and Mike K: Lease is now signed, although we have not received copy back. Two sets of keys, 2 sets of alarm codes. \$100 per month lease. Plan is to rehearse there on 6/21. Sweeping and dusting needed in next week. Looking for volunteers for 3-4 helpers, one hour. Keeping storage facility for now, with uncertain fall rehearsal location. Facility is open to members for practicing – Keys to be held by Bernice Redman, and John Creasy.

Mike Knaak suggests formalizing request for funds from City of St Cloud, in letter form, as the City is approaching their 2022 budget planning.

Condition of Showmobile briefly discussed. Floor puddles water, and appears to be unsafe for chairs with the soft flooring.

Summer plans update – Catharine: Masks and bell-covers will be used. Music list is out. We are purchasing two or three medleys as well. While count is down now, playing music heightens risk, and masks/bell covers will be necessary indoors in fall. We will plan to use the chairs we own (from Fox hall) when practicing outdoors at the Media Services Center – musicians will need to bring their chair in and out of the building.

Folding chairs may be able to be brought over by SCSU for our concerts at Barden Park. Space may be available to store them at Barden's maintenance building.

Media Service building will be opened at 6:30 rehearsal nights. Rehearsals every Monday except July 5, including concert weeks.

Joe will send out map, and details regarding open times, parking, etc. We need to take a look at power as well.

Discussion regarding 4th of July – Tom Paddock brought up playing for the 4th, as a placeholder for future years. He asked for board support making the arrangements. Due to the short time-frame prior to the 4th, lack of Showmobile (condition), and construction at Hester Park, the board opted not to pursue playing.

Diversity and Inclusion discussion: Recruiting and programming to diverse communities. Look at recruiting younger members. Does our board represent a diverse group? How would we be viewed by outsiders? Improving diversity would potentially increase our audience base.

Biggest group in St Cloud earns less than 35K per household. Less than half of dwellings in St Cloud are owner occupied.

Set up committee to set goals and strategies for accomplishing this: Vicki, Lucy, Patric, Tammy K, Catharine.

Catharine suggests having a non-band member on the board and on the diversity committee. Also inviting St Cloud City representative to board meetings for trust and communication.

Next Meeting date/location: July Tues 13th, 6:30 pm, Media Svcs Bldg

Adjournment: 8PM by Lucy, Bob 2nd.

Minutes submitted by Lucy Amundson June 30.