

St. Cloud Municipal Band Board Meeting Minutes

Date: July 10, 6 pm

Meeting Location: Online through ZOOM

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

**Others present:** Lowell Larson

**This is a special meeting called to discuss possible changes to Rehearsal and Concert Covid Policies (Covid Preparedness Plan) enacted in April, 2021, due to comments received by the board, from general membership.**

- Situation:
  - There are members that are frustrated by inconsistent following of guidelines in place.
  - There are members that wish to continue rehearsing outside with safety measures due to family/co-workers/friends that cannot receive vaccine due to age or health. Some of these members will need to take a break from playing with the band if we move inside.
  - There are members that wish to move rehearsals inside due to difficulties producing quality sound while playing outside with bell covers, spread out at 6 foot spacing. Some feel so strongly that they will take a break from playing with the band if we do not move inside without masks and bell covers.
- We noted that it would be impossible to satisfy everyone. Regardless of what we do, we will likely lose band members temporarily.
- At last rehearsal, we were spaced too far apart in some cases due to absences. We can take a few minutes just before playing, to consolidate the band members in attendance.
- We discussed option of using masks outside only when band members are moving about and congregating:
  - difficulty getting large mouthpieces into mask
  - increased risk of damaging expensive reeds while masked
  - difficulty playing with these masks and glasses
- We briefly discussed quarantine situation if we have someone test positive while playing indoors – this would affect balance, and could occur just prior to a concert.

After lengthy discussion of the above:

**Patric moves that we relax mask to require masks while players are out of chairs and congregating, but retain remainder of policies. Tammy K 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mike K opposes, Tammy C abstain. Passes with 4 votes.**

- Patric to greet and assist with keeping policies followed
- Joe to send email to entire band – Mike K to pen and send to board first for comments. Catharine's email notes to be included – Mike K reaching out to Catharine to give an opportunity to edit.

**Adjournment by Mike K.**

Minutes submitted by Lucy Amundson 07/12/21