

St. Cloud Municipal Band Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 18, 2022, 7:00 pm

Meeting Location: ZOOM

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

Others present: Andy Nelson, Lowell Larson, Joe Fox

Call to order by Mike Knaak 7:00 pm

Approve Dec 15, 2021 minutes: Vicki moved, motion passes.

Elect officers: president, vice president, secretary, treasurer.

Mike Knaak nominated for president by Patric and Vicki, no other nominations. Mike K. elected unanimously.

Vicki nominated Patric for Vice President, Patric elected.

Vicki nominated Lucy for Secretary – no other nominations, Lucy continues as secretary.

Vicki nominated John Creasy – no other nominations, John Creasy is Treasurer.

Update on spring events including:

1. Recording at Tech – confirmed February 14, at Tech HS Theatre. Tech providing chairs, and will provide recording. Joe to record as well. Tech is providing a technical person. Audio recording is confirmed, possibly video as well. Patric and Mike to edit video as needed. This to be shared with nursing homes and public via facebook.
2. No nursing home concerts. Concert at Tech to be provided to Nursing Homes. Reach out to other nursing homes beyond the homes we typically play at.
3. Possible concert at Milaca High School – February 28. We can make decision much closer to that date to firmly commit. Concerns for Covid. There is some hesitancy across the band. Consider possibility of sharing audio/video recording with Milaca HS Band if we are unable to make concert due to Covid. Plan for now it to make a firm decision approximately Feb 1. Andy to think as well, about other opportunities that could work out for an outreach concert. March 22 Milaca HS Jazz Band concert may be an opportunity.
4. May Paramount concert date

Results of Covid booster survey. 86% of members that completed survey have Covid booster.

Discussion regarding considering pause of rehearsals: Vicki, Patric, Tammy, in favor of pause due to community burden. Patric brings up that it's a burden on the community to continue to rehearse. Katie agrees with pause. Mike and others want to continue. Mike proposes that we keep rehearsing with compliance with masking during rehearsal. Mike suggests that if we pause, we should set a return date.

Patric moves that we pause rehearsals until Feb 7, Vicki seconds. Surge should be over at that point, and Centracare's strain relieved. Will that leave enough rehearsal time? One rehearsal, then record if we proceed with dates as previously determined. Recording could be pushed back. Joe can inquire about moving the date. Mike, Tammy, John oppose. Motion passes 4 to 3.

Vicki / Katie motion - We continue our current covid policy (Vaccination and testing) – Require mask in the hallways and strongly recommend that we wear a mask in the band-room, and also recommend wearing the slit-mask when playing if possible. – Motion carries.

Moving ahead with diversity, inclusion and equity committee. – move discussion to another date.

City budget/space update. – no news per Joe.

Discussion regarding amending the by-laws to allow for email voting and virtual meetings. John suggests bringing this to the by-laws committee for adding language, and then bringing to the band at a special meeting.

Joe to talk to school about moving the recording to Feb 21 or March 7. No rehearsal March 28. (Tech HS may be unavailable March 28.)

Next meeting: January 31, 7 pm Zoom.

Adjournment by Mike.

Minutes submitted by Lucy Amundson – Feb 15, 2022.