

St. Cloud Municipal Band Board Meeting Minutes

Date: March 28, 2022, 5:30 pm

Meeting Location: Tech HS music workroom

Board Members present: Mike Knaak, Lucy Amundson, John Creasy, Katie Johnson, Vicki Johnson

Others present: Andy Nelson, Lowell Larson, Joe Fox

Call to order by Mike Knaak 5:35 pm

Approve March 2, 2022 minutes: Katie Johnson moved to approve the minutes, John C seconded, motion passes.

1. Discussion regarding updating the Covid/Mask policy: Here are the weekly Stearns County risk levels from the CDC: Feb. 24 – High, March 3 – Medium, March 10 – Low, March 17 – Medium, March 24 – Low

- **Discussion:** Preference to follow the guidelines of the CDC rather than needing to alter policy as the situation changes.
- **Lucy A made a motion** to follow the guidelines of the CDC – as long as risk levels are not high in any of the three counties of Stearns, Benton, and Sherburne – do not require masks in the rehearsal area. If the risk elevates to high in any of the three counties, masks will be required. Vicki J seconded the motion, motion passes.

Discussion regarding vaccination requirements. Paramount does not require vaccinations currently. We can always drop the requirement. How long do we keep those that refuse vaccination in limbo? How many will not play if we remove the requirement for vaccination? Home tests are acceptable and free, so anyone can rehearse and play in concert. This is tabled at this time.

2. Director Andy Nelson’s contract expires May 10. Last summer, Catharine Bushman said she would advise us of her situation in February or March. We have not heard from her.

- Vicki: Traditionally, contract is extended to the conductor holding the current contract. Not in favor of holding a contract open for someone else.
- Lucy: she has heard from several band members that they like Andy, and would prefer to stay with him.
- Andy is available during the school year, and unavailable part of the summer. We reviewed schedules (Lowell) and we are able to work around this.
- We reviewed the email to Catharine at the time that she parted: The word “interim” was used in the correspondence to her when she parted. Due to this, the plan is to email (Mike K) and phone Catharine, allowing her until April 4 to let us know her plans. We will have a special board meeting after rehearsal on April 4, 2022.

3. Band legal documents archive – Lucy A to scan and save documents electronically. Location of electronic files to be shared with Lucy when needed.

4. Summer Schedule: Discuss moving concerts to 7 pm instead of 7:30. Joe will reach out to contact (Julianna) for Barden park. Move July 7 concert to July 14 due to being so close to July 4. Concerts to run through Aug 22.

July 4 and Memorial Day – where will we play? Mike is waiting to hear back about location for both.

5. Showmobile: Joe is to reach out to Scott Zlotnik regarding inspecting the condition of the Showmobile due to past safety concerns with the flooring. Joe will also make formal request for Showmobile after inspection.

6. Proposed Budget:

- John placed grant money in budget to balance the year. No grant in place at this time.
- Licensing with Association of Concert Bands - \$300 covers most situations for us including performances. There are additional levels that provide more coverage, but are unlikely to be needed.
- Sound system – cost of the sound system for the 4th of July concert typically runs between \$700 and \$1200. Is our new sound system enough to handle? We will do some testing during the Memorial Day concert.
- After discussion, **Vicki J and Katie J move to approve the proposed budget.** Motion passes.

7. Discussion regarding the need to update the signing officers for various accounts. This is not current at this time.

- **Katie moved:** On behalf of The St Cloud Municipal Band, the current President Mike Knaak and the current Treasurer John Creasy are authorized to transact business, including but not limited to the maintenance of savings, checking and other accounts with various financial companies, including Bremer Bank, Central MN Community Foundation, Edward Jones and TIAA CREF; either of said officers can serve as a signatory on such accounts.

Motion seconded by Lucy A. Motion carries. John C to work with the financial companies to update.

Next meeting: April 21, 7 pm Zoom.

Motion to adjourn by Vicki J and Katie J. Motion passes.

Minutes submitted by Lucy Amundson – April 5, 2022.