

St. Cloud Municipal Band Annual Meeting Minutes
Date: Nov. 21, 2022
Meeting Location: St. Cloud Technical High School Band Room

Board members present: Mike Knaak, John Creasy, Bob Bach, Vicki Johnson

Others present: Andy Nelson, Lowell Larson

Board members absent: Lucy Amundson, Katie Johnson, Patric Lewandowski

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m. with Chairperson Mike Knaak presiding.

Year In Review

Mr. Knaak provided a summary of 2022 activities for the St. Cloud Municipal Band. This update included the following:

- A concert recording that was distributed to various nursing homes in the area.
- A performance for Memorial Day.
- Four Barden Park concerts.
- A performance at Hester Park for Fourth of July.
- Concerts for both the spring and fall at the Paramount Center for the Performing Arts.
- The anticipated joint concert with the Central Lakes College band in Little Falls occurring on Nov. 28.
- The anticipated annual Christmas concert at the Whitney Senior Center occurring on Dec. 15

Mr. Knaak detailed business activities conducted by the St. Cloud Municipal Band board. This included entering into a five-year lease with the City of St. Cloud to provide storage for the band's music library. Mr. Knaak said the band's music library – currently housed at the media services building – will be moved on or around Dec. 1.

Mr. Knaak provided an update on the City's new proposal for funding municipal band activities. It is anticipated – pending city budget approval slated for Dec. 5 – that the municipal band will be paid \$1,500 per concert by the city instead of the \$15,000 lump sum the band was getting prior to 2021.

The band was also a recipient of a \$4,900 Central Minnesota Arts Board (CMAB) grant to purchase outdoor performance chairs.

Mr. Knaak reiterated the two long-term goals for the band – finding a permanent home/financial support for the band as well as diversifying the band's membership and audience.

St. Cloud Municipal Band Business Manager Joe Fox provided clarification on the Whitney Senior Center Christmas concert's date and time. It was confirmed the event will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 15.

Financial Report

St. Cloud Municipal Band Treasurer John Creasy provided an update on the band's financial standings for 2022. He mentioned that funding from the city is anticipated to start up in 2023 after the band had been without city funding since 2020.

Mr. Creasy mentioned that the band's budget of \$24,000 was able to be covered without the city's contribution over the past several years due to good planning and the use of the band's reserve funding. Mr. Creasy noted that there were no unusual expenses that occurred year to date. He also indicated that the band did not fully deplete reserve funding.

Annual Election

Mr. Knaak stated that three board positions were open – positions currently held by Mr. Knaak's, Lucy Amundson, and Bob Bach. Ms. Amundson and Mr. Bach were not seeking re-election.

The board position would be a two year term that would begin in January.

Mr. Knaak presented the board's current slate of candidates:

- Mike Knaak.
- Harvey Binder.
- John Plantenberg.

Mr. Knaak asked if there were any nominations from the floor. No nominations from the floor were presented.

The slate of candidates was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Vicki B. Johnson