

St. Cloud Municipal Band - A fellowship of musicians sharing our tradition of performing great music since 1861.

Board members:

Patric Lewdowski, president

Michelle Ziemer Gehrls, vice president

John Creasy, treasurer

Mike Knaak, secretary

Harvey Binder

Katie Johnson

John Plantenberg

Joe Fox, business manager, nonvoting member.

St. Cloud Municipal Band performs in St. Cloud and surrounding communities including Sartell, Sauk Rapids, Waite Park and St. Joseph. There are almost 200,000 people in the St. Cloud metro area.

Annual report to band members, Nov. 13, 2023.

Tonight, I'll share highlights from 2023 and offer a look ahead to 2024. After this short report, we'll elect four board members.

First let's thank Andy Nelson and Lowell Larson for their creativity and enthusiasm teaching us all how to be better musicians.

The city of St. Cloud is again providing financial support but with a different plan. The city is paying us \$1,500 per event for a maximum of 10 concerts. The same funding plan is included in the city's 2024 budget, which is up for final approval in December.

We applied for and received a \$4,000 grant from the Central Minnesota Arts Board to buy carts for storing and moving stands and chairs and for outdoor chairs.

Our 2023 concert schedule included a nursing home concert, spring and fall performances at the Paramount, Memorial Day, Fourth of July and three dry and one wet concert at Barden Park. We'll wrap up the year with a joint performance Nov. 27 with the Central Lakes College Wind Symphony and a Dec. 14 holiday concert at Whitney.

Now for the year ahead.

I've asked the board to develop two plans....one for a detailed marketing/fundraising effort to increase our audience and provide dependable long-term financing. Secondly, I want to address board committees. Even before the pandemic, the committee structure needed attention. There's even more of a need now.

I proposed a committee structure and I hope the board will act on it. We need participation from more band members to help us operate.

As a part of our engagement discussion, board member John Platenberg suggested high school band ambassadors...high school students who will join the band for three rehearsals and perform several selections with us at our fall concert.

Andy has agreed to lead this effort and plans to contact about a dozen area band directors and ask them to nominate two students. Musicians will be selected based upon ability, commitment to rehearsals and instrumentation.

The board is considering moving one of the Paramount concerts to the auditorium here at Tech. We've just begun to explore the logistics and costs of that possibility.

Next June some members of our band will join with the Meire Grove Band for a trip to Germany and the Czech Republic. We'll spend three days in Spalt, Germany, our sister city, and play a concert with their band. We last visited Spalt in 2018. We'll also visit Holdorf, Germany, for a concert.

We are planning a collaboration with Stearns History Museum to mark 40 years in their building. Plans call for us to present a Breakfast Club program and perform music from 1984 in a concert next September.

Now it's time for our election. You will be electing four people to serve two-year terms.

The board has nominated these candidates:

Shelly Ziemer-Gehrls (clarinet)

John Creasy (percussion)

Patric Lewandowski (bari-sax)

Katie Johnson (clarinet/soprano sax).

Are there any nominations from the floor?

Hearing none, all in favor of the slate nominated by the board.

Mike Knaak, president

The Saint Cloud Municipal Band

Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2023

ASSETS

Current Assets

Bank Accounts

Bremer Bank

Operating Fund 13,152.09

Touring Fund - 2024 149,619.95

Total Bremer Bank 162,772.04

Edward Jones - Operating Fund Reserve (Money Market) 27,176.44

Total Bank Accounts **189,948.48**

Accounts Receivable - 2024 Touring & Stand Deposits **19,540.00**

Other Current Assets

Central MN Community Foundation - Legacy Fund 21,056.82

Prepaid Rehearsal Hall Occupancy 1,440.00

TiAA CREF - Legacy (Municipal) Fund 3,781.29

Undeposited Funds 1,600.00

Total Other Current Assets **27,878.11**

Total Current Assets **237,366.59**

Fixed Assets

Accumulated Depreciation (19,025.10)

Furniture & Fixtures 16,685.20

Music Library 123,387.98

Total Fixed Assets **121,048.08**

TOTAL ASSETS **\$ 358,414.67**

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable **550.00**

Other Current Liabilities

Stand Deposits Payable 1,400.00

Total Other Current Liabilities **1,400.00**

Total Current Liabilities **1,950.00**

Equity

Unrestricted Net Assets - Beg of Year 182,466.97

Restricted Net Assets - 2024 Touring 169,328.70

Change in Unrestricted Net Assets 4,669.00

Total Equity **356,464.67**

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY **\$ 358,414.67**

Saint Cloud Municipal Band
Statement of Activities - Budget vs. Actuals
January 1 - December 31, 2023

	Actual	Budget	Over (under) Budget	% of Budget
Revenue				
Amazon Smile	31.46	20.00	11.46	
Community and Civic Funding Sources			-	
City of St. Cloud	15,000.00	15,000.00	-	
Total Community and Civic Funding Sources	15,000.00	15,000.00	-	
Donations				
Band Social Door Charges	1,010.00	800.00	210.00	
Business/organization	3,527.15	100.00	3,427.15	
In-Kind Donations	1,750.00	1,750.00	-	
Individual	1,903.50		1,903.50	
Member	1,109.00	800.00	309.00	
Total Donations	9,299.65	3,450.00	5,849.65	
Grants				
Equipment Grants	4,063.00	5,000.00	(937.00)	
Total Grants	4,063.00	5,000.00	(937.00)	
Interest Earned	113.65	80.00	33.65	
Ticket Revenue	3,272.12	2,500.00	772.12	
Total Revenue	\$ 31,779.88	\$ 26,050.00	\$ 5,729.88	122.00%
Expenditures				
Advertising and Marketing				
Concert Advertisement	555.00	500.00	55.00	
Expense and Materials	100.00	200.00	(100.00)	
Total Advertising and Marketing	655.00	700.00	(45.00)	
Artists and Performers				
Band Officers and Staff	1,200.00	1,200.00	-	
Conductor Fees	5,904.00	5,500.00	404.00	
Conductor/Assoc.Cond. Stipends	300.00	300.00	-	
Total Artists and Performers	7,404.00	7,000.00	404.00	
Bank Processing Charges				
PayPal Fees	10.44		10.44	
Total Bank Processing Charges	82.94	75.00	7.94	
Concert Set-Up	53.50	30.00	23.50	
Depreciation Expense	1,862.16		1,862.16	
Dues and Subscriptions				
Association of Concert Band Dues	295.00	300.00	(5.00)	
Non-Profit Filing Fees		100.00	(100.00)	
Total Dues and Subscriptions	295.00	400.00	(105.00)	
Insurance				
Directors and Officers Insurance	798.00	800.00	(2.00)	
Liability Insurance	1,128.00	525.00	603.00	
Total Insurance	1,926.00	1,325.00	601.00	

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January 1 - December 31, 2023

	Actual	Budget	Over (under) Budget	% of Budget
Legal and Professional Fees				
Online Software	82.98	100.00	(17.02)	
Total Legal and Professional Fees	82.98	100.00	(17.02)	
Library Expense	550.00	550.00	-	
Meals and Entertainment				
Band Socials	1,634.05	1,000.00	634.05	
Total Meals and Entertainment	1,634.05	1,000.00	634.05	
Music Purchases	238.98	800.00	(561.02)	
Polo Shirts Purchases	451.35		451.35	
Rent Expenses				
Board Meetings	112.00	100.00	12.00	
Equipment and Library Storage	2,260.00	2,260.00	-	
Performance Venue Rental	2,478.11	2,600.00	(121.89)	
Rehearsal Hall Occupancy	2,592.00	2,600.00	(8.00)	
Total Rent Expenses	7,442.11	7,560.00	(117.89)	
Special Expenses				
Cards/Flowers/Member Recognition		200.00	(200.00)	
Equipment Purchases	4,995.42	5,500.00	(504.58)	
Photocopier Fees	129.18	150.00	(20.82)	
Total Special Expenses	5,124.60	5,850.00	(725.40)	
Website Administration	705.88	675.00	30.88	
Total Expenditures	\$ 28,508.55	\$ 26,065.00	\$ 2,443.55	109.37%
Net Operating Revenue	\$ 3,271.33	\$ (15.00)	\$ 3,286.33	
Other Revenue				
Other Portfolio Income	1,397.67		1,397.67	
Total Other Revenue	\$ 1,397.67	\$ -	\$ 1,397.67	
Change in Net Assets	\$ 4,669.00	\$ (15.00)	\$ 4,684.00	