

St. Cloud Municipal Band

Board meeting

Monday, Feb. 24, 2025 Tech High School

In attendance: Andy Nelson, John Plantenberg, Lowel Larson, Austin Castro, Karl Fischer, Katie Johnson, Mike Knaak.

Absent: John Creasy, Michelle Ziemer-Gehris, Patric Lewandowski.

Agenda:

1. Motion to approve agenda, seconded, and approved.
2. Summer concert dates/2025 Calendar
 - a. Year-long calendar for concert dates, rehearsals and fundraiser/other events
 - i. Summer rehearsal proposed (and approved) to start on Monday, July 7
 1. Summer concerts July 10, 24, 31, Aug. 14
 - a. Andy on July 10, 24 and Aug. 14, Lowell on July 31
 - ii. Meier Grove requested July 17 for Barden Park, Adjust accordingly
 - b. Paramount Theater/ Ambassadors Concert, Nov. 10
 - c. Stearns History Museum concert, proposed and approved
 - i. Proposed for either Sept. 15 or 22
 - ii. Showmobile application for rental, proposed
 1. Tabled for next meeting, input from band for interest
3. Ambassadors Program/CMAB Grant
 - a. Requested \$1,742 for Ambassadors
 - i. Ambassadors to play entire concert, front to back
 - ii. No other changes to Ambassadors concert
 - iii. Minnesota composers and under-represented groups
 - b. Looking around for alternative grants to support future endeavors
4. Potential nursing home summer concerts

- a. Compromise needed for removal of Barden Park concerts
 - b. Individual ensembles proposed to attend and play at nursing homes
 - i. Investigate ensemble music in library
 - ii. Proposal to buy Flex-Ensemble pieces for creation of Flex-Ensemble Library
 - 1. Andy will do research and get estimate for this
 - 2. 20-25 songs to buy and establish
5. Shorten or Start meeting earlier to avoid scrambling toward end
- a. 5:45 p.m. meeting start time proposed
6. March meeting date TBD until John Creasy, March 17 proposed
7. Meeting adjourned at 7 p.m., passed unanimously
8. The board voted via email on March 7-10 against authorizing any additional advertising for the May 22 concert. Our contract with the theater includes a brochure listing and posters.
- a. Board members Plantenberg, Creasy, Johnson, Castro, Zeimer, Gehrls, Fischer, and Lewandowski voted no.