

1/14/2021

# Minutes for The Wilmette Community Band Board

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## Call to Order, 1/14/2021 at 7:10 PM

### Attendees

Voting members in attendance included, Jeff Ring, Terry Fertig, Jeff Urban, David Fodor, Dennis Jasieniecki, Paul Issacson, Sally Nador, Bob Taylor

Guests in attendance included, (none) Meeting was held via Zoom

### Approval of Minutes

The previous Band Meeting Minutes were read by Jeff Urban. A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting was made by Jeff Urban and seconded by Dennis Jasieniecki, Minutes are published on the band Board Page

### Officers' Reports

Dennis reported an update on the continued impact of the Covid epidemic in our geographic area. We remain on tier three, rather tightly controlled. Bright spots are the vaccination program although slow to startup is beginning to gain traction. However, no indoor dining at restaurants and very limited to zero group activities are allowed. However the hospital utilization is in very good shape without signs of overtaxing.

Jim reports his church has no decision regarding our starting to utilize their rehearsal space. Same with David's church, no decisions as of yet.

General discussion ensued. Terry reported the CSO has 60 performances thru mid June. Also questioned requiring all members to be vaccinated in order to continue band membership. More on that when we see what other organizations are doing on that issue seemed to be the consensus. David said he would check how other professional band/orchestras are planning to manage this issue.

David requested some plans or springboards to plan for opening, new music, rehearsal planning, etc. Sally suggested a stepwise attack based upon the State mandated mitigation levels. Terry suggested a reevaluation this March. David will create some tentative performance dates as a starting point. Jim cemented we have the flip folders and can throw together a concert based upon music we all play very often and can perform these familiar selections almost at a moments notice. Wide discussion ensued suggesting several mostly outdoor venues where we could easily perform as a group. Jeff suggested too early to make hard decisions just yet but we have plenty of choices.

### Other Reports

Terry reported we earned 2060 dollars as a result of our virtual performances. Jeff Ring reported he will create a 1099 for David for tax year 2020. David asked about the status of our group liability insurance policy, it was decided that a renewal was probably necessary at this time as our equipment is still stored in the churches storage areas. Jeff Urban will renew our policy. A declarations page will need to be created to update our policy, Jeff Urban volunteered to follow up. Bob Taylor investigated the several legal names and addresses for the band and will clear up the years of errors regarding the exact legal name and address of the band. We will require a vote by the members at large and that can be accomplished via e-mail.

David has created a slate of band officers and the open spots that need to be filled. The corresponding responsibilities still need to be decided upon. Rough platform as follows:

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President--Jeff Urban

Vice President/Business Mgr.--Bob Taylor

Treasurer--Jeff Ring

Music Director--David

Fund Raising--Terry

Historian--Jim

Secretary--Dennis

Publicity--Paul

At Large--Sally

Hospitality--open

new position 1,2,3, etc to be determined from band member discussions at future whole band meetings. David will begin canvassing membership via email for feedback.

Jeff Urban brought the insurance issue up and will begin the reinstatement process as prelude to slowly returning to some level of normalization.

David floated the idea of having a musical piece created to celebrate the Band's 41st year in existence. He will research the creation possibilities.

David also reported on the next virtual event "A Winter Concert" Many suggestions were floated regarding the use of band musicians doing an intro while providing an educational few moments, in addition an overlay of the selection can be incorporated into the introduction. David has his work cut out for him. Sally added perhaps prior conductors could be asked to participate.

Operating expenses were brought up by David and all agreed that a target of one years operating expenses should be our target reserve as a minimum.

## **Main Motions Next Meeting of the Band Board will be 3-11-2021 via Zoom (thanks Paul)**

### **Adjournment**

Dennis moved that the meeting be adjourned, and this was seconded by Terry

Dennis Jasieniecki

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Secretary, Wilmette Community Band

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Date of Approval