

CITRUS SYMPHONIC CONCERT ASSOCIATION, INC.
DBA - NATURE COAST COMMUNITY BAND
BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, August 17, 2022 6:00pm.
FLORIDA NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY

Attendance

- **Board members in attendance:** Judy Williams, Jenny Gill, Pat Johnson, Clayton Doak, Susan Mahoney, Kathy Thompson, Ty Ramsey
- **Board members absent:** Marty Brown, Dee Morgan
- **Band Members in Attendance:** Tom Williams

Call to Order - Judy called the meeting to order at 6:11pm.

Quorum - Susan confirmed a quorum is present.

Minutes from July 20 Meeting

- Judy passed out the July 20 meeting minutes.
- Changes:
 - Under Treasurer's Report the grant amount was corrected from \$1,300 to \$2,300.
 - Under the second paragraph of the Treasurer's Report the second "Motion Carried." was removed.
- Ty motioned, Pat seconded, we accept minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report

- \$24,940 Current Balance
- \$2,300 Left over from Grant
- \$22,640 Operating Cash
- Pat motioned, and Jenny seconded, that we allot \$1,000 per concert series for the conductor to purchase music. Motion carried.
- Ty mentioned that he received a massive donation of sheet music from the Florida Music Service last year. Some of it is beyond the capabilities of his band. Ty will send Kathy a spreadsheet of the music available.

Conductor Report

- Kathy has several concerns.
 - We only had 2 trombones last night. There are 2 who were not there that had indicated they would be. There is also a possibility of another trombonist returning.
 - Judy has emailed everyone who was not there. She also suggests that each section leader call those who were absent from their section.

- We also had a trumpet player show up who wasn't expected. She does not seem qualified. She was corresponding with Kathy but never responded to her question about what experience she had. Kathy will call her and ask her to come early for her and Todd to listen to and talk with her about whether she will stay or not.
- Kathy is also wondering about recruiting some of the new band directors in the county. Ty will reach out to some of them about playing with us.

Old Business

1. Board Member Vacancy

- a. Al Sergel officially resigned from the board as he will not be back to this area until January.
- b. At the July meeting the board decided to ask Jerry Lopez to finish out his term. Judy asked Jerry and he agreed. He will come on board at the September Board meeting.

2. Conductor Search Committee

- a. The first meeting for the Ad Hoc Committee will be on Monday, August 22.
- b. Clayton and Nancy Doak will facilitate the meetings for us.
- c. Judy has printed off samples of what other organizations do as a starting point for the committee.
- d. The board will receive access to the minutes.
- e. The band will get a condensed overview of the process.
- f. Judy will double check that all Ad Hoc committee members are aware of the meeting as several did not.

3. Bylaws and Member Guidebook

- a. Judy passed out the most recent draft of the Bylaws for the Board to review.
- b. Board members have 2 weeks to look this version over.
- c. Judy asks that we look very carefully and make sure this version is something that will last over time, so that we don't need to redo them in six months.
- d. The Board will vote on accepting the Bylaws at our September meeting.
- e. The band will then receive them via email and have 2 weeks to review them before voting.

4. Purple Heart Ceremony

- a. Judy attended the Veteran's Coalition today. She was told that the Purple Heart Ceremony is on February 12, 2023. She will verify that as February 12 is a Sunday and it is usually held on a Saturday.

5. Band Shirts

- a. Orders for band shirts are open. Pat has received 6 orders so far. She will close the orders on September 30.

6. Massing of the Colors Ceremony

- a. The Veteran's Coalition will conduct the Massing of the Colors Ceremony at our November 6 concert at Seven Rivers Church.
- b. There are 50 flags and the Veterans will carry the flags in and post them.
- c. Don Shook is making and donating standards to post the flags in.
- d. Doreen's narration will begin after the ceremony and National Anthem is over.

New Business

1. First Rehearsal Report

- a. Kathy feels the rehearsal went as well as she expected.
- b. There are definitely areas that need work.
- c. It is recommended that we do use a mike as some people had trouble hearing Kathy.
- d. Judy said that from her viewpoint, people seem to be paying attention to Kathy.
- e. Judy contacted the 11 members who were absent last night.
- f. Ty mentioned that there are a fair number of members who still have too many conversations during rehearsals.

2. August 23 Rehearsal at Crystal River High School

- a. Judy reiterated that our rehearsal next week is at Crystal River High School
- b. Ty will send a map to Pat later tonight so she can post it.
- c. Ty met with his principal and it looks like we might be able to use the stage in the cafeteria.

3. Concert Season 2022-23

- a. Seven Rivers Church has told us that they are stretched too thin in December and will not be able to host us on December 11, 2022.
- b. Judy outlined several options
 - i. Plead with Seven Rivers (the decision was not made by the sound tech)
 - ii. Try Cornerstone Baptist
 - iii. Citrus County Auditorium
 - iv. Curtis Peterson Auditorium
- c. Jenny and Kathy will talk with Austin (sound tech) and then Adam and try to see what we can do to make it work for us to still be there. Perhaps we can set up and take down chairs.
- d. Judy will go ahead and reserve the Citrus County Auditorium as a backup

4. November Concert

- a. Print material
 - i. Diane is working on the program. She needs information about the Massing of the Colors Ceremony, the "Andrews Sisters" singers, and a list of band members who are veterans with which service branch they serve in.

- b. Advertising
 - i. Susan mentioned that there will be a free ad for the November concert on Wednesday November 2, as part of the Discover magazine ad.
 - ii. Susan will be putting free ads in the following:
 - 1. Spectrum Bay News 9
 - 2. Nature Coast eZine
 - 3. The Villager
 - 4. Hometown Citrus
 - 5. Peddler's Post
 - 6. Coffee New
 - iii. Susan will be putting paid ads in the following:
 - 1. Citrus County Chronicle
 - 2. What's Up Citrus
- c. Ty mentioned that we should send a notice to the ROTC instructors at our local high schools to let their students know about the opportunity to see the Massing of the Colors Ceremony. Judy will send an email with the poster.

5. Citrus County Band

- a. Ty mentioned there will be multiple needs in regards to Citrus County Band.
- b. He would like to partner with the Nature Coast Community Band in as many ways as possible.
- c. Ty will meet with the other band directors and let us know what their needs are.
- d. He especially wants to make sure every student who wants to participate can, regardless of ability to pay.

Next Meeting will be on September 11, 2022 at 2:00pm at the home of Clayton and Nancy Doak. They have a heated swimming pool and hot tub and Clayton suggests we all bring snacks.

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 8:21pm.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Mahoney, Interim Secretary.