**Minutes from MNCB Board meeting Sunday, August 21, 2022 via Zoom**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. Adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Present: Brian Gillin, Heather Sherwood Gillin, Mary Arranz, Sharon Reed, Peter Parashes, Michael Farrell, Ron Romoff, Tony Wastler

Absent: John Longacre

**Agenda:**

1. **Review of May 2022, July 4 parade**: The May concert went well, and the audience was enthusiastic. It was great to play again after the hiatus from the pandemic.

Tony said our May concert was one of our best ever, though the music was a little easier than usual, and had similar impressions of the parade. Brian reiterated that we got our $500 honorarium up front, the band adjusted to someone's telling us to play on one side of the street and then having to move, we were received warmly, etcetera. The parade went well, and Tony saw us featured on a major TV station newscast!

1. **Contracts, rehearsals venues, and protocols** – Much discussion involved around the revised contract with Congregation Beth Israel and the printed increase of $100 per rehearsal. Joyce Romoff volunteered to speak with BI about the cost. Discussion involving going to DCCC for free rental was about the access: long walk to the auditorium, parking, availability for members like Gene and Judy would be difficult. It was decided to remain with BI and await Joyce’s intervention for us. **Update: Monday Sharon received an email from BI (after Joyce’s contacting them) stating that they would keep our rental at our past rate of $75/rehearsal and $150 per concert.**

Protocols: Trumpets, trombones, other instruments with spit valves, are asked to bring a rag for individual cleanup to keep the facility sanitary.

1. **Upcoming performances:**

* Wilmington Blue Rocks discussion: **Update: We are now confirmed for Sunday, August 28. Game time is 1:05. Also Friday, September 9. Game time is 6:06.**
* Marple Community Day – October 15. John will give us more information.
* Lima Estates – suggested concert date Tuesday, December 9 with honorarium of $500. **Update: Sharon contacted the new Activities Coordinator at Lima on Monday. We are confirmed for Tuesday, December 9 from 7-8 for an honorarium of $500.**
* December concert – Scheduled for Saturday, December 10 at Beth Israel
* Riddle Village and Granite Farms – **Mary** will contact for availability. **Update: Riddle Village not available for good date for fall. She will schedule for the spring season**.

1. **Meet-up account:** Heather reported that renewal is due September 12. Cost is $65.94 for 6 months. It was agreed that we will keep the account for another 6 months and reevaluate its usefulness after that.
2. **Other matters:** **Tony and Mary** will put the music in folders on Tuesday night, August 23rd. **Brian or Sharon** will email the band by the end of the week (August 26) about upcoming rehearsals, starting back, and the October 15th Marple Community Day.

Respectfully submitted August 25, 2022

Sharon Reed, Secretary