**Minutes from MNCB Board meeting Thursday, August 12, 2021 via Zoom**

Meeting called to order at 4:04 p.m. Adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Present: Brian Gillin, Heather Sherwood Gillin, Mary Arranz, Sharon Reed, Peter Parashes,

Michael Farrell, John Longacre, Tony Wastler

Absent: Ron Romoff

**Agenda:**

1. **Joe Talento and September 11, 2021** – Request for band assistance at Patriot Day ceremony at Veterans’ Memorial Park to commemorate the 20th anniversary of 9/11. Information already sent out to public, ceremony will be 30 minutes from 6:45-7:15 p.m. Need drummer for flag raising (suggested Mark Beecher), **Tony** will play “Amazing Grace” on clarinet, bugler (perhaps Karl Shaffenburg) or **Brian** on trumpet for “Taps” at the end of the ceremony. Tony and Joe exchanged emails ([jltalento@yahoo.com](mailto:jltalento@yahoo.com)) and phone numbers. Wear MNCB attire.
2. **Minutes from April 2021 Meeting** – Sharon will provide after meeting with these minutes.
3. **Treasurer’s report** – Statement of 6/30/21 lists balance of $3,089.65. Does not include $600 from parade ($500 for 2021 and $100 for virtual participation in 2020) and $3.00 deduction for paper reporting. Thus, an August 12,2021 balance of $3, 686.65.
4. **Summer Thus Far** – a) Taps Across America was done at Rose Tree Park in front of the large flag by Heather, Kristin, Brian, Mary, and Sharon. **Tony** wants to see video. **Heather** will put it on Facebook page, **Mary** will send it to Tony. b) July parade had 15 participants on the float. We received $500 for participation, plus $100 for virtual participation in 2020. Parade went well. Suggestion to have more notice before we reach the judges’ stand so we’re playing when we arrive. Tony would like to have newer music for next year.
5. **Looking to September**: **All calls regarding venues need to be done ASAP**
6. Keep music in folders
7. Possible indoor rehearsal venues:
   1. Community College will take us if they are open for classes. **Brian** is the contact person with Joe Romano (Twp Code Enforcement). They spoke on Aug. 11.
   2. Outside rehearsal is available at the gazebo – **John** will check
   3. Delco Christian auditorium? - **John** will check
   4. MN School District – **Tony** will call
   5. Springton Lake Presbyterian Church – **Tony** will call
   6. Grace Lutheran Church – **Brian** will call
   7. Private schools – **Peter** will call. Possibly Debbie Newnham (610-609-9321) at Episcopal
   8. John mentioned the Don Guinella site has been bought by the county. Not sure about the shape of the auditorium.
8. **Update on Retirement Communities (just as a formality?)** – will be last venues to come back for our playing there.
9. **Other matters?**
   1. Possibly have small ensembles or soloists play at places like the malls
   2. Covid policy for MNCB – discussion re: indoors/outdoors, what other bands are doing. Discussion regarding mask-wearing, showing vax cards, taking temperature upon entering.
   3. Below in **green** is from Mike this morning:

**I love the sheer joy of playing in a community band. There is something very special about sitting with fellow musicians, listening to the conductor and working on making music as best as we can. If we remember to have *FUN*, the rest of it (performances, paid gigs, band funding, etc.) will be easy.**

**Here's a possible covid policy for MNCB that I've adjusted after listening to everyone at yesterday's meeting**

**Indoor rehearsals**

**Musicians**

**-        should be distanced from each other (6 ft, if possible, 3 ft minimum)**

**-        are encouraged to wear a mask until seated and ready to play**

**-        are encouraged to get the vaccination (proof is not required)**

**-        are encouraged to check their own temperature if there is any concern**

**-        are encouraged to stay home if not feeling well**

**-        may wear masks designed for playing musical instruments**

**-        may request special considerations as needed**

**Performances**

**-        to be held outside if possible**

**-        or held in a large space (like a shopping mall or parking garage)**

**-        or could be live streamed on Facebook and/or YouTube and/or other app with limited in-house seating**

**-        December concert may be postponed (most likely?)**

**-        Retirement home concerts may require more stringent requirements re. proof of vaccination, masks, etc. Venue requirements supersede MNCB requirements.**

**(I forgot to mention that vaccination proof was required at the Montco retirement home performance)**

**-        MNCB may opt for an increase in paid outdoor summer performances as these opportunities become available**

Respectfully submitted August 13, 2021

Sharon Reed

Secretary