

# Bandstand Committee Meeting

Minutes of December 14, 2022

**Committee Members Present:** Bill Muldoon, Chris Hall, Gary Downes, Rick Meisenbach, Mike Millius, Betsey Nehf, Rob Biggs, Bob Modr, and Gina Caldwell. With guest Dave Chipman.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:03 am. The minutes from the November 16 meeting were approved unanimously. The following items were discussed:

**Intro:** Bill asked everyone to describe a favorite holiday musical memory.

**Holiday Event Critique:** We had a large crowd (around 225 people), and got many good comments afterward. The tree lights, fire pits, and hot drinks were great features. We have established an annual tradition.

Various comments from Committee members: A one-hour performance is enough. More singing; there should be shorter breaks between songs. There were issues with handicap parking. There was no lighting at the parking area. Should we have more power (use the generator)? More lights on the tree? Lights around the cupola (which could be left up year-round)? Lights in the crowd? A microphone stand; a better sound system? We ran out of hot chocolate.

Nest time we will need more volunteers to help out. Maybe we could hold the event earlier in the day, and/or on a weekend. Should we invite more choirs? Can there be other activities besides the music (craft fair, hay ride, a visit from Santa)?

We tentatively set December 2, 2023 for next year's Light Up the Bandstand.

**Next Season:** We still need confirmations from Bonnie Edwards, Jimmy Jo, and Scott Moreau. The schedule will be finalized in January. Contracts will be sent out in late January or February.

**Fundraising:** The subcommittee of Bill, Rob, and Gina will meet to finalize the materials, build the list of approachable businesses. Bill noted that each Bandstand Committee member has a role, and that there is a lot more to do than visiting potential donors. Each member should think of people and places that we can approach. Also, thanking them for their donation is very important.

**Winter/Spring Events:** The event will be held at the Orr's Island Schoolhouse on March 16 starting at 6:00pm. We will ask Castle Bay (a Celtic group) to perform (in honor of St. Patrick's Day). We have scheduled an event in Cundys Harbor on April 23, but we still need to come up with a theme and to find a performer.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 am.

**Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:** Wednesday January 11, 2023, at 9:00am.

**Please advise Bill if you cannot attend.**