

Bandstand Committee Meeting

Minutes of November 17, 2021

Committee Members Present: Chris Hall, Bryan Foster, Gary Downes. Mike Millius, Bill Muldoon, Rick Meisenbach, and Gina Perow. With guest Dave Chipman.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:08 am. The minutes from the November 3, 2021 meeting were approved unanimously. The following items were discussed:

Performers for Next Season: The Committee agreed that Studio 2 and the On the Street Band should be invited to perform next season. We were also strongly in favor of the Portland Jazz Orchestra, Pretty Girls Sing Soprano, and Primo Cubana. Each of these groups will be contacted by the appropriate Committee members for their availability and price.

With the three Harpswell Concert Band performances, the five groups above account for eight concerts, leaving 3-5 open slots (depending on whether the season starts on June 9 or June 16, and/or ends on August 25 or September 1). Chris suggested that we should fill those openings with groups that are new to the Bandstand.

Suggestions for new groups include: Sonja and Friends, Zack Reinstein, the Finestkind Country Band, Bess Jacques, Larry Williams, Lady Lamb, and Pete Kilpatrick.

Suggestions for groups that have already performed at the Bandstand include Erica Brown, the Soul Sensations, and Paul Sullivan.

Food Trucks: We had previously agreed that we would try to get food trucks to come to two concerts. There were a number of suggestions about which trucks to invite, including Taco the Town, Two Maine Guys, the Uproot Pie Company, and Sylvester's Fish and Chips. We thought that Fish and Chips would go well with Studio 2 and Tacos with Primo Cubana.

Parking Plan: Bill noted that we need to establish a parking plan: to identify where we want people to park (normal and special; for example, handicapped); and to determine what sort of signs we need, and where they should be placed. We need to have this plan ready by spring. Dave said that he would bring it up to the Mitchell Field Committee.

Homework For Next Meeting: Look at information sent to us by several new groups, both on paper and online. Come with recommendations to fill out next season.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 am.

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday December 8, 2021, at 9:00am.

Please advise Bob if you cannot attend.