

Bandstand Committee Meeting

Minutes of March 8, 2023

Committee Members Present: Bill Muldoon, Chris Hall, Rick Meisenbach, Betsey Nehf, Rob Biggs, and Gina Caldwell. With guest Dave Chipman.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:00am. The minutes from the February 8 meeting were approved unanimously. The following items were discussed:

Introduction: Bill asked that each member what things were necessary for a successful meeting. The consensus was that listening was important, as well as staying on the subject. Other thoughts: have empathy; not be afraid to try something new; no idea is bad; organization is the key; find things to celebrate.

Concert Season: We got a three-page contract from the Mallett Brothers We deleted several items, and both sides signed off on it. We will need a rain venue for them, at least

Finance: Rob has set up meetings with various banks with the goal of having them be season or concert sponsors. He is also pursuing Wild Oats as a concert sponsor; perhaps they can also bring food to sell. He will also look at smaller businesses such as lumber yards and realtors. Bill and Gina will compile a list of businesses to approach.

The Committee agreed that a general fundraising letter is not cost-effective, that it would be better to target individuals with something personalized. Possibly a Facebook or Go-Fund-Me appeal. This should be done closer to the start of the season.

Rick will contact Christine Merriman about possibly setting up an on-line silent auction.

March Event: Gina has posters for the March 16 event, and has put an announcement on Facebook. Since attendance is limited by the Fire Marshal, we will give each person a Pammy's ticket when they arrive, in order to keep a count. We can then hold a drawing for a Pammy's Ice Cream treat.

Rick will be the host for the evening. He will pick up the cash box, the check for Castlebay, the "we're full" sandwich board, the refreshments (cookies and small bottles of water), and the key to the Schoolhouse. The Schoolhouse is reserved from 2:00 on.

April Event: We tentatively set April 27 as the date for the event, which will be at Cundys Harbor, over the firehouse. It will have the same format, marketing, and refreshments as the March event. Possibly we can get Matt Newburg's 3-piece group to perform.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 am.

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday March 22, 2023, at 9:00am.

Please advise Bill if you cannot attend.