

Peoria Municipal Band Commission Minutes

February 13, 2025

Molly called the meeting to order at 8:01, A.M.

Present were Dr David Vroman, Molly Slotter, Denise Cooksey, Dave Liddle, Marcia Boyer, and Mary Barthel.

Dave moved to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2024, meeting and Marcia seconded. The minutes were approved.

Directors Report: Dave said that the website had been down, but is now fixed. He will begin contacting musicians to see who will be able to play this season. He is getting rehearsal times and confirming a place to rehearse. He hasn't heard from the Park District about a fireworks concert. July 2 falls on a Wednesday this year. We will have to determine if we will play July 2 at Kelleher's, or St Vincent's, or another venue. Dave wants us to think of activities and groups we can connect with for a special night so that we can involve more people who will come to the concert. Some suggestions were: the ice cream booth, food vendors, pizzas, Little League teams, soccer teams, face painting, and a balloon booth. Molly offered to make forms for the restaurant gift card giveaway. There would be a place for people to sign their name and also their email if they would like to get a weekly concert update.

Chair Report: Molly sent out Christmas cards with thank you notes to those who donated gift certificates for the intermission giveaway. She confirmed that Todd was paid \$6600 before the end of the year for the rental of his equipment. Our balance at the community foundation is \$22,960.43. Molly is planning advertising for 2025 including the Peoria Stadium sign, yard signs, Beachler's sign, the Morton Civic Chorus programs, Community Word, Corn Stock Theatre, and banners with the city. She is wondering if we could stuff flyers in the PSO programs. Molly reminded us to complete our economic interest statements and return them to the city. Mary said she would contact the writers of the Community Word about doing a start of season article about the band. Molly will forward the pictures taken last summer by Kelsey Schrag to the Commission for their viewing. Dr. Vroman may then choose to post some of these to the PMB website.

Marcia moved to adjourn the meeting and Dave seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 A.M.

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 13, 2025, at Constance Hall on the Bradley University campus.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Barthel