

Minutes for the City of Sterling Municipal Band Commission

August 8, 2023

Commissioners:

Gonzalo S. Reyes – Chair

Kevin O’Keefe – Vice Chair

Amy Boze – Secretary

Allen Lee – Treasurer **absent**

Tony Crisp

Staff:

Annette Hackbarth – Director

Paul Ausman – Band Manager

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Sterling Municipal Band Commission was held on 8/8/23 at 6:05 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 212 Third Ave, Sterling, Il. 61081.

Commissioner Reyes called the meeting to order and attendance was taken showing four Commissioners were present. Commissioner O’Keefe left at 6:34.

II. CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Boze made a motion to approve the following consent items:

July 2023 Meeting Minutes

August 2023 Band Director Report

August 2023 Band Manager Report

Commissioner Crisp seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Financial Report was presented showing:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Personnel:	\$69,800	\$28,132.00
Materials and Services:	\$38,412	\$20,034.24
Capital Expenses:	\$3,500	\$2,135.92
Revenue:	\$118,026	\$71,256.85

Our donation level is \$2,000 higher at this time than it was one year ago, and \$5,000 higher than this time four years ago. There is an operating balance of \$19,758.63 at this point.

Commissioner O’Keefe made a motion to receive the report. It was seconded by Commissioner Boze and carried unanimously.

IV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No requests were made by members of the public for comment.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Director Hackbarth reviewed the summer season highlights included:

Performed 98 pieces of music throughout the summer.

Performed 5 theme related concerts.

Ten members from the band were featured as soloists, a duet, and members of a quintet. Featured the percussion section as an ensemble.

Hosted 3 guest conductors – Scott Stich, Rodney Schueller and Randall Standridge.

Featured 2 guest vocalists – Corynn Latta and Sarah Webster.

Featured a new composition by a band member – Nolan Lewis.

Randall Standridge’s visit was a great success. A luncheon at Arthur’s Garden Deli in Sterling was held. After eating, he answered questions from the group of 25 Band members that attended. After the concert, about 30 Band members, and their families, went to Buffalo Wild Wings to eat. He was very appreciative of his time in Sterling.

Director Hackbarth already has ideas for the 2024 season in terms of themes, soloists, and guest conductors.

Director Hackbarth and Manager Ausman reported on the pre-show entertainment. Except for one group, all were very successful. Due to that one group, next year we will institute a mandatory 6:00 sound check if any group will be using any part of our sound system.

We would like to keep the Josh Duffee Orchestra, and the Big River Brass Band for next year's Saturday Night Concerts.

Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve the payment of \$523.91 on PO 69851. Commissioner Boze seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve the payment of \$591.38 on PO 69852. Commissioner Crisp seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

WNIU aired our 6/28/23 concert with Corynn Latta on 7/24/23.

We do not have enough Band members interested in doing the Fiesta Day Parade, and will unfortunately not be able to participate in it. Commissioner Reyes suggested that maybe we hire a group to represent us in the future.

Director Hackbarth reported that all ILMEA Etudes are being rewritten on both the Junior and Senior levels. This is to make them the same across all nine districts in Illinois. The new ones are due to come out around April 2024. She felt that one of the universities would be recording videos to accompany their release. But we will revisit recording them ourselves, should the need arise.

The Band and Audience surveys will go out in September. The audience one may drop earlier via Facebook.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

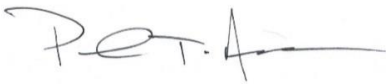
Commissioner Reyes would like to form a Centennial Committee next year to begin the planning process of our 100th anniversary in 2028. He would like the group to be comprised of local community members outside of the Band, as well as a few Band members.

Director Hackbarth has inquired with Randall Standridge about writing a piece for us based on his experience with us this summer. She would like it to be a grade 4, with a premier either at the Spring 2024 concert, or Winter 2025 concert. She will be communicating more with him to get a quote on the cost. This would be a great opportunity for us, as there has only been a single music commission associated with the Band, and that is Salute to Sterling, which was written for the dedication of Grandon Civic Center.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Crisp made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Boze seconded the motion which carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Minutes were taken by Band Manager Paul Ausman to submit to the Clerk of the City of Sterling.



Paul Ausman

SMB Band Manager

**The next regular meeting of the Sterling Municipal Band Commission will be
Tuesday September 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers
located on the first floor of City Hall, 212 Third Ave, Sterling, IL. 61081**