



**Henniker Concert Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 7 PM
Held at Lyons Center, NEC**

Members present: Ruth Zax, Ray Grande, Melinda McGrath, Milli Knudsen, Carol Hamilton, Jerry Walsh, with two guests: Taylor Carroll and Karol Dermon

The meeting was brought to order at 7 PM. Introductions were made around the table due to two potential new members being present. A brief discussion of the inception of the committee was held, dating back to when Angela Robinson scheduled summer entertainment.

The minutes of the May 16th meeting were read. A correction was made that Cheryl Morse will not resign, but will be predominantly active during the summer series. Melinda moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Jerry, and the minutes were unanimously accepted.

Evaluations from the final night of the concert series were reviewed, and it was noted that 71% of participants did business in Henniker on Tuesday nights due to the series. Ideas were offered on other ways to evaluate each concert. Due to the enthusiastic response to having a Beatles tribute band the last 2 years, we will attempt to locate a similar group for next year's program. Also enthusiastically received was the Blues and Brew Fest, so we will discuss particulars with Henniker Brewing Company and possible performers. Ruth was able to book the 39th Army Band in advance for the 2020 4th of July concert, and we will continue the reading of the Declaration of Independence. Discussions have been held with the Hillsborough Concert Committee about booking performers that have been excluded recently due to our "non-compete" policy. Many concert attendees have requested food vendors at some of the concerts and it was agreed to stick with the three evenings of vendors.

Conversation was held about continuing the winter coffee house series at NEC on January 26, February 23 and either March 22 or 29th. Several performers were suggested and at next month's meeting we will discuss the results of contacting them.

Our committee's budget will be submitted by October 25th, with the hearing to be held Saturday, November 2 at 10:20 AM. The improvements to the bandstand need to be completed by December of this year, though specifics were not available. Ruth will follow up with the town.

Committee members were interested in previewing possible performers at local venues and will make plans to do so. First up: We will head to Mama McDonough's in Hillsboro on November 21st to check out the Karaoke night there (something that was suggested at one of our meetings several months ago).

The possible new members were told how to apply through the town's website, and were encouraged to attend our meetings while the approval process goes on. The next meeting is scheduled for November 7th at 7 PM at the Lyons Center. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.