

Truro Concert Committee

Meeting Minutes

Dec. 14, 2022, 9:00 am

At the library



Present

Anne Courtney, Trish Ford, Ken Field, Nancy Braun, Pat Wheeler, Tim Hickey, Michael Holt, Carl Fink, John Dundas

Finance

- Ken: we have roughly \$13K in bank.
- There are discrepancies in our records that need to be addressed. For example, Pat says we typically pay \$7 or 8K to performers, but records say we spent about \$5K last season.
- Ken will create a budget for next season.
- This year, there won't be a Truro Treasures grant (\$500), but we can rely on \$1,300 from Seamen's bank. We don't know yet about the usual \$700 we apply for from Mass Cultural Council, or another grant we're applying for from them. The Arts Foundation of CC declined us. Ken says it might have to do with lack of diversity in our programming.

Membership

- Carl will apply to join us.

Lighting

- Carl proposes a package based on last meeting's conversation. It includes multi-light bars that will sit low on the front edge of stage, round lights that will mount higher up, a controller unit, and assorted stands, cables, etc. The estimated cost is \$3,217. Turnaround might be up to two months if items are not in stock.
- The gear is rated for outdoors but it's still best (and easy) to take it down between concerts and store in shed to protect from rain.
- The controller would allow us to change the lighting's mood and other settings in middle of show. Tim likes this idea. However, we might not see those changes in the daylight. And if we are content to leave the lights on one setting for all shows, we might not need the controller, saving about \$200. Carl will find out for sure if that is an option. Ken feels the "set it and forget it" approach matches our otherwise simple production values.
- Carl would like to be at every concert and is happy to do the lighting setup before, and any changes during, the shows. Tim also plans to be at every show this season

and can do the same. Pat believes Peter from the library could be able to do it for us as a backup if none of us can come.

- Carl thinks best place to put the round lights is on stands on the ground to left and right of stage, because mounting them on trees won't be stable, and hanging them from rafters will miss the front performers. Ken thinks performers could just step back a couple feet.
- Carl also recommends a backdrop with Truro Concert C'tee logo, not included in the quote. Tim has a possible lead on a backdrop.
- What to do about the fact that Carl's package goes slightly above the \$3K we authorized?
- Tim volunteers to personally make up the difference.
- Trish: library could pay for the extra stuff like the cables, pipe, surge protector.
- Another possibility is we could get a simpler package for the 2023 season, then if we want more, apply for a CPC grant for 2024.
- Consensus seems to be to let Carl buy the proposed package with Tim making up the difference, although we don't vote on it.

The tree blocking sight lines to the library deck

- It was planted in memory of a person. Pat suggests we ask their family and the library if they'd be okay with us taking it down and buying a great new tree for elsewhere on the property.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Holt

