

A General Assembly was held and the Executive Committee Members (indicated below) were approved.

Attendance: Jacques Girardin (president), Claire Mondou (member at large), Deborah Cunningham (secretary), Ivan Reede (member at large), Gilles Lemieux (communications manager), Daniel Vachon (treasurer),

Not in Attendance: Tino Saro (member at large), Shelley Tager (member at large)

Invitee: Ted West – Band Director

Thanks to: Jacques Girardin for providing food and soft drinks

Minutes of last meeting in room 219: March 3, 2015 – reviewed
Motion to accept the agenda and additions to varia:

Accepted by: Deb Cunningham
Accepted by: Gilles Lemieux

Agenda

Opening remarks by the President Jacques Girardin.

Papers were signed by the President, Treasurer, and Secretary to move the Band's bank account from La Banque Nationale de Dorval to Caisse Desjardins de Lachine.

A question was asked; "When is Quorum reached?" The President answered: Quorum is 50% plus one, if quorum is not met no decisions can be made at the meeting.

Financial report for the year ending October 31, 2015 by Ivan Reede.

Thank you to Ivan Reed for outstanding work as Band Treasurer from the President. Ivan's work during this past year was greatly appreciated. He organized and fine tuned the budget so the next treasurer (Daniel Vachon) could take it over.

An outstanding issue of \$332.00 total was held for 24 months – this total was deemed inactive by the bank and the Treasurer Ivan Reed returned to the active budget. *Approved by: Ivan Reed and Daniel Vachon.*

Presentation of the 2015-2016 budget - Daniel Vachon.

Financial definitions were added to budget, to represent a more current financial flow.

The one hundred year anniversary activity budget will be submitted by Gilles Lemieux and will be separate from the main budget.

Christmas Concert December 6, 2015 – President.

Final arrangements have been made with the priest of the church Église Ste-Catherine-Labouré by Ted West, Jacques Girardin and Gilles Lemieux for the Christmas Concert. Tickets, posters, advertising in the local community paper have been done by Gilles Lemieux. Jacques Girardin and Gilles Lemieux will have an interview advertising the Christmas Concert with a radio station host.

Christmas Party - Claire Mondou

Party will take place at 6:00 p.m. at Centre Albert-Gariépy sandwiches, cake, and beverages, will be ordered from the local IGA.

Decision on resuming practice on January 12, 2016 – approved by Claire Mondou seconded by Gilles Lemieux.

Presentation of the One Hundredth Year Anniversary Activities

Gilles Lemieux presented the one hundredth year anniversary activities in form of a two page document for the committee to review.

The President and committee thanked Gilles Lemieux for his outstanding efforts and organizational skills. Deadlines for contacting the city and tasks appointed to band members were discussed.

Budget strategy was organized between Gilles Lemieux and Daniel Vachon.

Ted West was asked for musical guidance on:

New music for the upcoming year – Jacques and Ted decided there was need of adding more new songs.

Time needed to bring the band up to concert standard – Ted expressed clearly how important it was for the band members to be patient and focused during rehearsals. Many hours of rehearsals and private practice will be needed to accomplish the one hundredth year anniversary activities.

Financial need for purchasing new music – Daniel and Ted discussed the purchase of new music. Daniel and Ted will work together to purchase the music and keep within the projected budget.

The need of soloist for our opening presentation – Ted discussed the need of a soloist and the willingness of Ron DiLauro - son of a late Lachine Band Director Mr. DiLauro and the daughter Aura West of the Current Band Director Ted West to participate in our opening ceremony.

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- a. The band room floor will be washed, Jacques has made efforts to hire a commercial cleaner to work with, dates to be confirmed.

Closing remarks

The President thanked the committee and encouraged them to continue their good efforts.