

Henniker Concert Committee Meeting
October 17, 2016

Attendance: Ray Grande, Blithe Reed, Ruth Zax, Milli Knudsen

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM at the home of Milli Knudsen. The minutes to the September 12th meeting were reviewed and unanimously agreed upon.

Members had been provided with a draft of the Review Report and Budget for 2017 to be presented to the Selectmen. Discussion was held on approaching the local restaurants to gauge their interest in providing vended food at next year's concerts. We are seeking \$460 increase in the budget in order to provide enough money to meet the increasing fees expected by the bands. In 2008, our budget was cut due to the national economic downswing, which has limited the amount we can offer individual musicians. With the proposed increase we will be able to offer \$40 more per concert. Ray asked for an explanation to the licensing fees demanded by BMI and other groups. Ruth reported that online questionnaires had been submitted more than in the past.

The pre-season concert has been tentatively scheduled for May 20th at the Congregational Church, pending a check on the calendar. Milli will acquire an application for the hall and deliver it to Ruth. Discussion was held on performers.

Ruth Zax was elected chairperson of the committee for the upcoming year. Milli has agreed to be a co-secretary provided someone else will take half the duties. Ruth has suggested recruiting two other members to join the committee.

A brief review of some of the bands suggested by the audience questionnaires was held. Many have audio clips available on YouTube. It was decided that members will approach some new or returning groups to ask what their range of fees is and if they can provide us with a sample of their music for review.

The next committee meeting will be held at Milli's on November 7th at 7 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Notes submitted by Milli Knudsen