



Niagara Frontier Fiddle Club Newsletter

Jan, 2013

Fiddling for fun on the Niagara Frontier

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Board Members:

President: Roger

Vaillancourt

Vice President: Bill Pocobello

Secretary: Neil Yerkey

Treasurer: Dick Anderson

Gig Chair: Joanne Brennen,

*Lead Fiddler: Sharon
Cianciosi*

At Large Members:

Roy Fisher

Sharon Cianciosi

Roger Frankland

Jerry Burkley



DUES FOR 2013 ARE TO BE PAID BY FEB 24
Sharon Cianciosi is collecting dues of \$10.
Either mail the money to her or catch her at
the next meeting. Mail to: Sharon Cianciosi, 103
Victoria Blvd, Kenmore NY 14217

MINUTES

Jan 27, 2013

GENERAL MEETING:

1. Roger called the meeting to order at 2:30.
2. Motion by Neil, seconded by several to accept the Minutes as printed in the Newsletter. Approved.
3. Treasurer report: Balance of \$2843.12
 - Expenses: Advance and van repair bills: \$200 + \$330.26, Party favors: \$62, Reimbursement for food following gig: \$133.96, Bank fees (low balance): \$19
 - Income: Our Lady of Peace \$125 + \$125, Brothers of Mercy \$60, Newfane Golden Age Club \$125, Return of Sunshine advance \$200.

Moved by Bill, seconded by Roger to accept.

4. Committee Reports:

- Food: Good
- Sunshine: Judy Zygmunt has agreed to be Sunshine Chair. Nothing to report
- Music: The following points were made:
 - Bill said soloists should work with backup players before the gig to avoid confusion about who/what to play.
 - Soloists should practice new solos at a general meeting so everyone can become familiar.
 - When a solo is being played, other players should maintain a stage presence: not walk away, no talking (especially when we use shotgun mikes), laughing, or wandering.
 - There was a discussion of how many solos should be in an hour's gig. It was thought that 3-4 is appropriate, excluding violin solos. It was emphasized that soloists should not expect to be able to play a solo at every gig.
- Sound: We will be trying out two shotgun mikes for backup instruments. Roy discussed how the shotgun mikes will work: they will be placed so they pick up all backup players and should not be moved.

- Gigs: Neil presented the gig sheet (below). All approved.

5. New business

- Bill nominated Roger Frankland to fill Jim Witkowski's Board position. Penny Engler was nominated from the floor. Roger was elected. This is for a term to complete Jim's service.
- Sharon is collecting dues which are to be paid by the Feb meeting.
- Roger presented information about shirts. The Club will pay \$10 toward shirts, and all orders must be prepaid. Roger had a sign-up sheet. He will wait until he has several orders.
- Don Tober said Springville wanted us to play there in Aug. They haven't settled on details yet, but one idea is they will feed us instead of paying a fee. Don will get more information to pass along to the gig chair, and we will discuss at a later meeting.
- [Secretary's note: The following was approved by the Board but I forgot to bring it up to the general meeting]: The Board agreed to extend a lifetime membership to several charter members. They are: Lyle and Jeanne Cote, Al and MaryAnn Cote, Dick Anderson, Leo PeQueen.

6. Moved by Nancy, seconded by Roy to adjourn

NEXT MEETING: Feb 24, 2:00 at Knights of Columbus, 2735 Union Rd. Cheektowaga, NY

Approved Gigs (also listed on the Web page at <http://niagarafiddlers.org> under "Where We're Playing"):

Mar 2, Sat, tba, The Ladies of the Hibernians, Fashion Outlet Mall, Military Rd, Niagara Falls
Mar 11, Mon 12:45-2:00 St. Gregory Seniors at Sean Patrick's, Millersport Hwy, Amherst
Mar 12, Tues, 2:00-3:00 Our Lady of Peace, Lewiston Rd. Lewiston
Mar 14, Thurs 2:00-3:00 Stella Niagara, 4361 Lower River Rd., Lewiston
Mar 17, Sun 2:00-3:00 Elderwood at Linwood, 1818 Como Park Blvd, Lancaster
May 14, Tues, 2:00-3:00 Our Lady of Peace, Lewiston Rd. Lewiston
June 20, Thurs 7:00-8:00 Elderwood at Linwood, 1818 Como Park Blvd, Lancaster
June 30, Sun 3:00-4:30 Lighthouse Christian Camp, 9574 Summerset Dr. Barker, NY (next to Golden Hill State Park
July 9, Tues, 2:00-3:00 Our Lady of Peace, Lewiston Rd. Lewiston
Sept 10, Tues, 2:00-3:00 Our Lady of Peace, Lewiston Rd. Lewiston
Nov 12, Tues, 2:00-3:00 Our Lady of Peace, Lewiston Rd. Lewiston
Dec 10, Tues, 2:00-3:00 Our Lady of Peace, Lewiston Rd. Lewiston