



Niagara Frontier Fiddle Club

Newsletter, Sept., 2013

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Lead Fiddler: Sharon Cianciosi

At Large Members:

Roger Frankland
Roy Fisher
Sharon Cianciosi

Welcome to Fall. We had some wonderful gigs this summer, thanks to all who were faithful in attending as many gigs as you can. Our audiences appreciated our music, whether we have many musicians there or just a few.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Roger and Claudine Vaillancourt for the sudden and tragic loss of Roger's nephew, Douglas Vaillancourt, and to Dave and Kay Clabeaux for the loss of Dave's brother, Thomas Clabeaux.

MINUTES

September, 2013

GENERAL MEETING:

1. General Meeting started at 2:25
2. Neil read the minutes from June, 2013. Motion by Roy, seconded by Joanne to accept.
3. Treasurer report: Neil read the report submitted by Dick Anderson
Account balance: \$4576.51
Income: \$4429.82
Expenses: \$4175.96

4. Food: Good

5. Music:

- a. The Board asked Sharon Cianciosi and Carol Freeman to serve as the music committee. They will present a "Song of the Month" for us to learn, and will help in making music available to the members.
- b. The Wednesday practices at Vaillancourt's are official club practices. We meet at 7:00. Everyone is invited. However, members should call Roger to make sure we are meeting in any given week.
- c. Gerry will re-institute the jam session at his church on the 3d Friday at 7:00 at Living Faith Church, 1907 Center Road, West Seneca. Next session is Oct 18. All are invited.

6. Sound: There was a discussion about placement of musicians. It was agreed:

- a. Fiddlers have first priority on microphones, and as many fiddlers as possible should be in the front row.
- b. Fiddlers should be in a semi-circle so they can see each other.
- c. We will try using the condenser mike with fiddlers in a horseshoe pattern (where the setting allows).

7. Gigs: Joanne presented the gig sheet (see below). All approved.

8. Other Business:

- a. Van: Roger put the van's insurance on his policy. The Club will reimburse him.
- b. Shirts: Roger reminded the group that the club agreed to pay \$10 + tax toward a shirt, with the remaining cost the responsibility of the member (some people thought it was the other way around). Gerry said everyone who ordered a shirt should pay as soon as possible.

- c. Dennis thanked the group for the card, following his recent surgery.
 - d. Pete Mirando discussed several courses he is teaching on jamming, banjo, mandolin, etc. Call him for more information.
 - e. Janet recommended that some of us stop by Northgate to play Christmas music for Al. It was agreed.
 - f. Penny requested \$150 for Christmas gifts to give out during the Christmas party. Approved.
9. Moved by several, seconded by several to adjourn.

NEXT MEETING: Oct 27, 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”):

Sep 28, Sat., noon-1:00pm, Lewiston Harvest Festival, Gazebo, 4th & Center St., Lewiston

Sep 30, Mon., 1:30-2:30pm, Clarence Senior Center, 4600 Thompson Rd, Clarence 14031

Oct 4, Fri, 7:00-8:00pm, Montgomery Park Ind Living, 6363 Transit Rd, E. Amherst

Oct 17, Thurs, 2:30-3:30pm, Seneca Health Care, 2987 Seneca St, W. Seneca

Oct 22, Tues, 1:30-2:30pm, Catholic Health, 55 Melroy Ave., Lackawana 14218

Oct 25, Fri, 1:00-2:00pm, Orchard Glen Ind Living, 6055 Armor-Duells Rd., Orchard Park 14127

Oct 25, Fri, 6:30-8:30pm, Batavia 1st United Methodist Church, 8221 Lewiston Rd (rte 63), Batavia

Oct 29, Tues, 2:30-3:30pm, Northgate (for Al Cote) 7264 Nash Rd, N. Tonawanda

Nov 8, Fri, 1:10-2:10pm Cross Point Seniors, Crosspoint Pkwy, Getzville 14065

Nov 12, Tues, 2:00-3:00pm, Our Lady of Peace, Lewiston

Nov 14, Thurs, 1:00-2:00pm, Newfane Seniors, 2737 Main St, Newfane, Potluck lunch at noon. Park in back

Nov 15, Fri, 2:45-3:45pm, Absolute Care of E. Aurora

Nov 16, Sat, 2:00-3:00pm, Elderwood @ Westwood, 580 Orchard Park Rd, W. Seneca

Nov 27, Wed, 6:30-7:30pm, Tennyson Seniors, Tennyson Ct. Williamsville

Dec 4, 7:00-8:00pm, Lord of Life, 1025 Borden Rd., Depew 14043

Dec 7th OUR XMAS PARTY

Dec 10, Tues, Our Lady of Peace

Mar 17, Mon, 2:00-3:00pm Tonawanda Manor, 111 Ensminger Rd, Tonawanda