

Al Fenton Big Band

Members Meeting, September 11, 2025

Present: Kathy Neri, Bruce Gianinni, Ray McKay, Gary Neff, Mike Bryenton, John Beers, John Chin, Greg Schmidt, Lee Sohl, Valerie Chisholm, Les Bernstein, Tim Keane, Gene Hickey

Absent/Excused: Jim Corcoran, Tony Saccavino, Chris Apruzese, Dom Tolatta, Kat Volikasks,

Meeting called to order by Kathy Neri at 7:05 PM.

1. Ray McKay, Treasurer, reported that members who play most or all 2025 gigs may earn over \$600 for calendar year 2025. In those cases this would require the band to issue to them an IRS form 1099. To meet this requirement the AFBB would need to have specific information from each member including social security number. Ray can give each member the amount they have been paid so far. In the discussion that followed security concerns were raised about the process of submitting SS# and how the band would store them. If members want to opt out of meeting the \$600 threshold, they must email Ray stating that for 2025 they do not wish to be paid once they have earned \$599. Those who do so cannot count as a charitable donation money they earned but did not take.
2. Kathy Neri identified problems with the management, transport and set up/take down of sound equipment due to weight, complexity and sound balance and quality. Kathy reported that Jim Sohl will take on the role for these responsibilities. He will be paid a share of gig revenue equal to band members. At set up/take down any questions, requests, preferences etc. should be brought to Kathy first.
3. Discussion of increasingly busy summer schedule and the work involved in getting subs. Included was a discussion of the band taking the month of July off or being more selective in taking gigs. Kathy cited the need to keep a level of visibility and presence among contractors and vendors to remain competitive with other bands. She announced that each section now has a member who will work with her to get subs. Her motion to keep a full schedule without a month long break passed without objection.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM
Minutes submitted by Gene Hickey, Secretary