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Monthly Meeting Minutes – 2019, October 7

Present: Board: Jack Frazee, Violet Moran, Tim Davis
Members: Kate Hardy, Dave Speers, Shari Davis, Julie Ethridge
Absent: Vicki Kalkopf

Minutes: The September minutes were read and accepted with two minor corrections. To save time at meetings, it was decided that future minutes will no longer be read at meetings. Minutes will be sent to board members within one week following each meeting. Board members will send any corrections before two weeks from each meeting and final minutes sent out and approved by three weeks. No response from board members will be interpreted as approval. This will also allow members to receive minutes before each upcoming meeting. Minutes will include upcoming meeting location, date and time as well as a link to the website where all archived minutes are available.

Treasurer's Report: Vicki Kalkopf was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Jack will wait for next month to discuss MBS funds.

OLD BUSINESS:

Scholarship Guitar Lessons: Julie has photos and information prepared for web publicity. *Julie will post it on our website as soon as she gets more feedback from instructor Bill Roberts.* This will allow our members and the public can hear more about this great program.

Clyde Stubblefield Bench Dedication Wrap Up: Jack provided final figures for the event. Income was \$388 from raffles, donations, and merchandise. With previously reported expenses at \$827, this yielded a net cost of \$439.

Email and G Suite for Non Profits: Tim reported that when wrapping up our domain email address setup and forwarding, the trial period expired for our new email host – Google's G Suite for Non Profits. This stops all of our emails from working! Tim pursued getting things working by going through the general setup again and re-submitting all needed information to Google.

Certification that Tim was an authorized representative of MBS was received quickly by Tech Soup but Google takes 2-14 business days for their approval. Notice was put out on our website and Facebook that our emails are temporarily not working and communication should be through Facebook. Attempts to expedite this process have been unsuccessful so far. We should receive the approval from Google by Monday, October 14. *Tim will follow up and, hopefully, get the emails going again.*

Bowling and Blues Fundraiser (Sunday, November 10): Julie reported that the info on the 2019 event is now available on the MBS website, including registration. Several board members will be there to help set up around 10:30AM – 11:00AM. Regarding sponsors, Julie reported that Toffler's is on board and Shari is waiting to be heard from the Ohio Tavern. Jack has a check to be deposited from Chief's. Julie also reported that the T-shirt order will be submitted by October 25.

Confirmed celebrity bowlers include Tom McCarty and Steve Porter. Numerous other musicians are being asked and can participate in various teams. The posters are ready and *Julie will send out the file to meeting attendees to print and distribute.*

Membership Tables at Blues Shows: Julie reported that Tate's Blues Jam on September 12 and the Mannish Boys at Capital Brewery on September were well attended resulting in a few new memberships and a small raffle pot. The next show will be Tate's Blues Jam on October 10. Shari offered to help out at the November 14 Tate's Jam. Next after that was the December 12 Tate's Jam – helpers needed.

2020 Picnic Feasibility Committee: Violet reported that she has recruited 10 members for this committee and that the first meeting will be Monday October 14. Possibilities for a new picnic venue being considered are the East Side Club, Turner Hall and Common Ground in Middleton.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bylaws Revisions: In order to present proposed changes to members in time for the December 9 Membership Meeting, *Tim will prepare the text from Julie and Dave will send it to members.* Members may vote by email or at the December meeting.

2020 Board: Julie has discussed future board positions with several potential candidates but no interested parties have volunteered so far. Most current board members are uncertain to continue. This is a great opportunity for members to help out!

Storage Unit: Kate asked about the plan to move out of the climate controlled unit to reduce costs. Jack reports that currently there is no regular unit available where we rent now. Ideas about another location, a smaller unit and storage organization are being considered.

The **Next Meeting** will be **November 11, 2019**, downstairs at the Village Lanes 208, Owen Road, Monona.

Minutes submitted by Tim Davis, MBS Secretary

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