



Monthly Meeting Minutes - 2020, August 10

Celebrating Blues Music in the Greater Madison, WI Area

Present: Board Officers: Shari Davis, Kate Hardy, Vicki Kalkopf, Tim Davis,
Member at Large: Steve Lendborg
Members: Dave Speers, Eric Heiligenstein, Linda Miess

Treasurer's Report: As of July 14, there was \$7,455.03 in checking and \$1,140.18 in savings, for a total of \$8,595.21. Revenues since that date include \$201.92 for memberships and donations of \$120.00. Total revenue for last month was \$321.92. The only expense was \$55.00 for the storage facility for MBS supplies. Total remaining in checking is \$7,721.95. Savings remains at \$1,140.18 for a total of \$8,862.13.

OLD BUSINESS:

Blues Calendar: Dave and Shari reported that responses from musicians contacted to be featured in the 2021 Blues Calendar have been positive. So far, eleven musicians have been called or messaged, and ten have replied. Photos have been received from six, and bios from four. Contact information is still needed for one.

A design for the calendar's front cover is in progress. One musician/bio page has been designed, as well as the December page for 2020, with information (holidays, etc.) within the dates to be added. The calendar is expected to be ready for printing at the beginning of October.

Racial Justice Statement: Following up on June emails from member Jerry Alexander, containing a statement from the American Federation of Musicians, additional research was done by MBS website administrator Julie Ethridge. Julie offered wording from the Board of Directors of The Blues Foundation, as well as a list of suggestions for an MBS Diversity Initiative. In addition to these items, member Nancy Miller has also provided some suggested wording for the MBS Racial Justice Statement. This was reviewed and discussed at the meeting on August 10. Those present suggested some small, but relevant additions. The proposed statement including suggested additions will be typed by Shari and sent to the board for a vote. We thank Jerry, Julie, and Nancy for their efforts and contributions in this matter.

NEW BUSINESS:

Recent email communications: There was discussion of three recent communications received by email. Of the three, one interested those present. It is regarding a proposed Performing Arts Center to be built in Fitchburg by another non-profit organization. The project's creator is interested in meeting with a member, or members, from the board to discuss ways in which our organization might benefit from this new Arts Center. It was suggested at the meeting that we invite him to join us in a future board meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mallards Baseball event cancellation: There is no new information to report at this time. Shari will retrieve the Mallards paperwork and other MBS items from Ken Olufs before the next meeting.

Discussion: There was discussion of what we might do for our membership and the community in general while we are unable to host public events due to the current pandemic situation.

- > Kate suggested that we might have online “Blues School” talks by people knowledgeable in the Blues and Blues history. Three names came up immediately. Kate will contact these people and have a conversation for what might be possible.
- > Eric suggested a “My Playlist” program, a possible proposal to WORT Radio, where local musicians would do a program playing music that has influenced them. Shari added that WORT’s *Public Access Hour* might be a way to accomplish this.
- > Kate then suggested online posting of old videos from the MBS educational events at the Wisconsin Historical Museum. These featured local artists in concert along with a bit of Blues History and a question and answer segment.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

The **Next Board Meeting** will be a Zoom Virtual Meeting on **Monday, September 14, 2020** in three segments from 6:00 pm to 6:40 pm, 6:45 to 7:25 pm, and 7:30 to 8:00 pm. Email links for each of the three meeting segments will be sent out *on or close to the meeting date*.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Shari Davis (filling in for MBS Secretary Tim Davis)
Catch up on *past minutes* on our website!

<https://www.madisonbluessociety.org/minutes>

Here’s a little *BONUS* to go with your meeting minutes. Check it out!

<https://youtu.be/3eMe54XsJUE> “The Land Where Blues Began”