



Monthly Meeting Minutes – 11Jan 2021

Celebrating **Blues Music** in the Greater Madison, WI Area

Present: Board: Shari Davis, Tim Davis, Kate Hardy, Vicki Kalkopf, Steve Lendborg, Steve Porter, Jim Nelson, Dave Speers, Eric Heiligenstein
Members: None

First Order of Business -- board officers selection:

The board discussed officer nominations. Previous suggestions included Shari Davis for President, Kate Hardy for Vice President, and Tim Davis for Treasurer. Jim Nelson was nominated for Secretary, and he accepted. A board vote agreed with these suggestions, and the current officers are now:

- Shari Davis -- President
- Kate Hardy -- Vice President
- Tim Davis -- Treasurer
- Jim Nelson -- Secretary

The remaining board members (Members-at-Large) will be: Dave Speers, Vicki Seymour, Eric Heiligenstein, Steve Porter, and Steve Lendborg.

Treasurer's Report: Vicki noted that the current balance (total of checking and savings) is currently \$9737.29. Tim Davis gave a detailed summary of his investigations into resolving some unresolved tax issues MBS must resolve soon for 2018 and 2019. Because the 2018/2019 tax returns are so far overdue, MBS must solicit the services of one of the 20-25 national MEF (Modernized E Filer) providers – companies that write software to process tax returns like the ones MBS must do for 2018 and 2019. *On a related note, the 2020 MBS tax return will be done in the next several days by Tim Davis.*

OLD BUSINESS:

2021 Blues Calendar: Dave Speers reported on the sales of the 2021 Blues Calendar. He is maintaining a nice spreadsheet that contains the details. 146 calendars have been sold to date (income = \$1478), and the sale of an additional 5 calendars is pending. An additional \$100 was donated by an anonymous donor, and will be tabulated as 2021 Blues Calendar income. This means that the 2021 Blues Calendar income is currently \$1568.00. The expenses to date are \$1197.54, meaning the profits for MBS to date from this project are \$370.46.

Shari Davis discussed some MBS-related communications with local businesses, in terms of them potentially selling the 2021 Blues Calendar:

- 1.) Hanah Jon Taylor (Café Coda)
- 2.) Mad City Music – A message was left with them.
- 3.) Chiefs Tavern – Shari talked with Al. The thought is that Chiefs will probably sell some calendars on our behalf.

NEW BUSINESS:

MBS 2021 Budget: Items to consider as the 2021 budget gets formulated:

Library donation \$500 has been done in the past. Dave Speers thought this was a good idea, as it fits with our mission. The 2022 calendar project was mentioned. Perhaps Dane County Grants could fund a future (virtual) live event; e.g., a live streaming event. The deadline to apply for the next grant cycle is 21Aug2021. A MAC (Madison Arts Commission) grant was also discussed. The application deadline for these is 15Mar2021. Furthermore, some type of “Go Fund Me” fundraiser was discussed. This was done in the past to fund some guitar lessons provided by Bill Roberts for a student at East High School. Also mentioned was the possibility of providing a grant to a local musician for an original song. Finally, the Artists Relief Fund (ARF) was noted. This was a national scope solicitation in 2020 that was worth \$10 million dollars in total, broken down into individual \$5000 loans. There was some thought about what the Artist’s Relief Fund would look like in 2021. Perhaps MBS could help facilitate local musician applications for the \$5000 grants. Unfortunately, it was later discovered that the deadline for applying to the ARF for 2021 (10Dec2020) had already passed.

Shari spent some time looking for old budget outlines, and read some past general budget outlines from 2011 and 2013. (Secretary’s addendum – Shari later sent the 2011 and 2013 budgets via email, and Steve Porter provided the 2016 budget, which Shari included attached as part of her email.) *Tim and Vicki will be getting together to discuss the 2019 and 2020 budgets, and use those as templates for the 2021 budget.* Kate thought it would be a good idea for all of us to examine the budgets Shari sends, and talk about them next meeting.

The **Next Board Meeting** will be a Zoom Virtual Meeting on Monday 08 Feb 2021 in three segments **from 6:00PM to 6:40PM, 6:45PM to 7:25PM & 7:30PM to 8:00 PM.** Email links for each of the three meetings will be sent out on or close to the meeting date.

Minutes submitted by Jim Nelson, MBS Secretary

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