



MBS Annual Membership Meeting Minutes – 06Dec2021 FINAL

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

Present: Board: Shari Davis, Jim Nelson, Tim Davis, Kate Hardy, Dave Speers,
Vicki Seymour, Eric Heiligenstein, Steve Porter
Members: Chanokh Sprouls, Tammika Shedd

Each individual present gave brief introductions for themselves.

President's Report:

Shari gave her president's report for 2021. Following are Shari's notes as provided to me in a subsequent email:

- MBS had a pretty good year financially – with beginning balances in checking and savings at \$9,177.85 in January and ending balances at \$10,086.92 at the end of November. The fiscal year is not over yet, but that is where it stands right now – with a net increase of \$909.07 after all expenses.
- \$1,680 was brought in from fundraisers – \$300 of that raised by Ken Olufs – the rest was raised by board members via Facebook Network for Good birthday fundraisers.
- \$300 was donated by MBS to MAMA Cares for musicians in need of assistance, and \$300 was donated to the Madison Public Library system for books, music related to blues.
- In June MBS reached out to Kujichagulia Madison – Center for Self-Determination in an effort to generate goodwill and diversity to our membership. They graciously offered us a space for a table, tent, & banner and allowed us to dispense info, sell memberships. The table was manned by current and former board members and a new member. Four new members joined.
- In July we began discussions for holding an outdoor event at ESC in September. The board voted to hold the event and paid in full for the venue.
- Due to rising concern about the Covid-19 Delta variant's spiking numbers expected to peak somewhere between mid-August to mid-October, it was decided at the August board meeting to

reschedule the ESC event to sometime in 2022. The ESC has granted us until September 2022 to hold our event using the payment that was made in July.

- Gathering at the Red Rooster with Mad. District 16 alderperson, Jael Currie for discussion of liquor license, attended by the new owners and several members of MBS in support.
- Sponsorship drive was begun. \$755 worth of ads were sold, all but one to help pay for the calendar, the other sponsor is advertising on the MBS website.
- The 2022 Blues Calendar has gone to print and should be in our hands no later than Thursday.

Tim also elaborated on the 2021 financial year. Dave noted that membership has been gradually decreasing, due to both COVID and a lack of events. Dave suggested for the ballot to have one box for voting affirmative for all candidates, as well as the bylaws amendment.

Board Nominations:

No new nominations were submitted.

Voting:

A several minute intermission was taken, during which attending MBS members voted.

Discussion of Election Results:

The results were unanimous. Shari Davis, Kate Hardy and Dave Speers were all elected to new 2-year terms. Furthermore, both the Education and Fundraising Committees will be restored.

The **Next MBS Board Meeting** will be a Zoom Virtual Meeting on Monday 13 December 2021 **from 6:00PM to 8:00 PM**. An email link for the meeting will be sent out on or close to the meeting date.

Minutes submitted by Jim Nelson, MBS Secretary

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