



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

Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2018

Village Lanes

Monona, WI

Attendance: Present: Peter Gill, Christine Johnson, Shari Davis, Pamela Bean

Absent: Chris Kalmbach

Guests: Susie Launder, Music Committee

Call to Order: President Christine Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Treasurer Report:

Treasurer Peter Gill provided changes to the January monthly statement indicating the fees from PayPal. There were \$7.91 in fees from PayPal from online memberships since October. The January income line statement will be revised to reflect the actual money taken out of the checking in expenses. At the end of March our income of checking and savings reflects \$12,066.94.

Peter is working with the Department of Revenue to straighten out our sales tax license. It was previously changed to report quarterly, which we don't need because we currently only take in sales tax during the Annual Picnic. Christine indicated that our memberships might be taxable depending on how much tangible benefits members receive from their membership and she is in the process of discussing it with the Department of Revenue.

Dane Arts funded 87 grants and it has been confirmed that we will received \$993 from them for 2018.

Christine spoke with a representative from Madison Arts Council and it appears that all legacy grants will be funded for 2018, including ours. The paperwork to receive the actual funds will need to be submitted after the Picnic in order to receive the actual funds.

Blues Kids:

Shari provided a tentative timeline for Blues Kids practices as a budget for payment of the instructors which came to \$1000 for 20 man-hours of instruction. Pam offered to check with the downtown Kiwanis and Rotary about possible grants to cover funding for the Blues Kids instructors.

Music Committee:

Our potential headline backed out due to a last minute change in schedule. Another headliner was secured and a contract is pending. Susie indicated the need for the band contracts to be in place much earlier next year. Bands were determined by the music committee in December but contracts are still being signed at the end of March. Susie suggested that she take a more active role in negotiating with the bands to help speed the process.

Susie also indicated that she is having a hard time soliciting another merchandise vendor. She may seek out another food vendor if another merchandise vendor isn't found. If anyone has a name of a vendor, please provide it to Susie as soon as possible.



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Volunteers:

Pam agreed to secure volunteers for the Picnic. Shari will get the bartenders. We have a great group of volunteers from previous years that step up during Picnic to help and Christine indicated how we couldn't have a successful picnic without them. Volunteers are especially needed for set up and take down.

Julie indicated that she had a friend who would be willing to help with setting up a basic website via PowWeb for \$300.

We will also need help distributing flyers for the picnic.

Discussion followed about how to get more members involved throughout the year and keep them engaged. The board spends almost 6 months planning the Annual Picnic which does not leave much time for other opportunities. Julie offered to put together a proposal for a bowling fundraiser. Bands offer to help us with fundraising too, but we need more people to get involved.

Raffle:

Christine submitted the permits for the raffles.

Shari motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Peter seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm.