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**MBS Board Minutes
Monthly Meeting
May 8, Madison Central Library**

Attendance:

Christine Johnson, Susie Launder, Peter Gill, Shari Davis, Chris Kalmbach

MBS Insurance:

Christine explained what she has been doing to cover the absence of a treasurer. She talked about the MBS insurance policy from Baer Insurance which can be paid monthly instead of paying \$1,000 up front for the entire year. The cost of MBS insurance is \$783 for directors and officers' insurance, which also covers volunteers; \$463 for event cancelation; and a \$1,083 commercial policy for the picnic.

Picnic rental equipment:

The board discussed the upcoming picnic and ways to save expenses. Included in the picnic expenses are portable toilets. Six units cost \$100 each plus tax. A handicapped unit cost \$125. Board members believe there is a handicapped toilet in the permanent bathroom building at Warner Park. If the portable toilets also have hand sanitizers inside, then the board didn't think a hand-washing station was necessary. Bucky's Rentals offer 14 tables and folding chairs for a total of \$322. Chris said he would check with another vendor to see if he could get it for less.

Chris also said he would be able to pick up and drop off the tables and chairs in his pick-up truck. Pete said he may be able to get a pick-up truck; with two pick-ups, the MBS may not have to rent a U-haul truck this year.

Pete and Susie Launder agreed to meet at the storage shed on Saturday to sort through what needs to be brought to the picnic and to see if two trucks would be enough to haul the equipment to the picnic and back to the shed afterward.

Pay Pal Account:

Christine reported on the Pay Pal account. She said the \$940 in the account is going to be transferred to the MBS bank account and believes that action is in progress.

MBS Credit Card:

In light of Tom Blaskey's resignation on May 1, Christine changed the address on the checking account back to the MBS post office box (it had been going to Tom's residence), and now needs to give a letter to the bank removing Tom's name as a signatory on the checking/savings account. She also suggested selecting a second signer to ease the running on the MBS finances. Christine said that on the recommendation of Dave Speers, longtime MBS membership coordinator, she spoke to previous MBS treasurer Doug Johnson about filling the role. Doug is willing to provide assistance on an informal basis,

but does not want to be a signatory on the MBS account, or serve on the board. In the interim, this may be the best option.

ASCAP bill:

One bill that caught Christine's attention was from ASCAP, the music rights organization. MBS paid \$241, but it is unclear what the bill paid for. Typically, ASCAP asks for payment for live music performances of covered songs. The money is then supposedly sent as royalties to the songwriters/rights holders. But since MBS has only had two live music shows annually over the past few years and only one this year, Christine wondered whether the MBS was overpaying. Chris Kalmbach, who has some experience with ASCAP as a venue owner, agreed. Chris said he would contract ASCAP on MBS' behalf to sort it out.

GoFundMe/Crowdfunding for MBS:

Christine presented the text written by Peter Gill that would be a starting point for a GoFundMe campaign. The board agreed with the text and Christine said she would try to create a similar message with a more personal style.

Raffle Tickets:

Shari passed out prize raffle tickets to members. She has already started selling them. Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. Christine will post on our unofficial FB group events where we might have good sales so that we try to cover as many events as possible.

Fundraising Concert:

Peter Gill brought to Chris Kalmbach's attention the idea of a fundraising concert for the MBS that was discussed at the last meeting. Chris said he would be OK with a concert at the Knuckle Down and that many Saturday/Sunday afternoons are unbooked at this point. Bands will often donate their services for such things and if it's a fundraiser for MBS' mission and programs, it could take place after the picnic in June to not add too much additional work prior to June 17.

Picnic tents:

The board discussed the position of the MBS tents (info and merchandise tents). Chris Kalmbach said if the board wants to sell more t-shirts, it might consider putting them right next to the stage so people can see them. He has a spare cash register he'd loan MBS to use at this second location.

Vendors:

Susie said there will likely be seven vendors including our beer tent, the MBS info tent and the MBS merchandise tent.

Adjournment:

Peter Gill made a motion, seconded by Susie to adjourn. The motion passed, the board adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Gill
MBS Secretary