

# Madison Blues Society

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## *Minutes of Board Meeting – 2019, February 4<sup>th</sup>*

**Board Members Present:** Scott Frazee, Vicki Kalkopf, and Jack Frazee

**Board Members Absent:** Ken Wedel

MBS Members Present: Kate Hardy, Tim Davis, and Dave Speers

**Minutes:** Minutes for January 2019 Board Meeting submitted by Scott Frazee and approved by the board by unanimous vote.

**Treasurer's report:** Vicki applied for new MBS credit card (old one expired); new checks ordered and waiting on delivery.

**Blues Picnic:** Board unanimously voted to discontinue the annual Blues Picnic in its current form due to lack of financial sustainability. Issues were discussed extensively at the previous board meeting. A motion was proposed to investigate options for hosting a smaller summer event at an alternative venue.

**PowWeb:** Scott will lead effort to migrate website hosting from current host (PowWeb) due to site reliability issues.

### **Proposed 2019 MBS Sponsored Activities:**

- Blues Trivia – potentially pair with presentations on Blues history, etc from local experts such as Bonnie Kalmbach.
- Blues Documentaries – screen at local theater, music venue, or community room
- Scale Down Picnic – must include a shelter in case of rain
- Brews & Blues – Coffee tasting (or distillery) and blues music
- Bus Trip to International Blues Challenge (IBC)
- Bus Trip to Bicycle Blues & Brews
- Contact local music festivals and get them to host local Blues bands and/or a Blues stage in exchange for cross promotion
- Add a section to MBS website for bands to exchange instruments, etc (after hosting transition)
- Bus Trip to Chicago Blues Festival (June 8<sup>th</sup> 2019) – (see later item)
- MBS join the Blues Foundation
  - Jack to determine cost
  - This would allow MBS to send a band to the IBC and have a local competition (battle of the blues bands) to select the band – this could replace the annual picnic

- Sponsor Historical Blues Talks with the Wisconsin Historical Society
  - Potential Hosts/Speakers: Aaron Williams, Westside Andy with Glenn Davis
  - Similar events in the past were early evening at the Historical Society, \$2 cover, and advertised w/ a sandwich board on state street.
- Blues & Bowling (repeat of successful event in 2018)
- Blues in the Schools w/ PTA and Librarian
  - Donna Harula previous contact
  - Used WORT for reading list of Blues books
  - Kate will lead outreach effort
- Hold Luther Allison Memorial / Celebration at bench build in Brittingham Park by MBS
  - Add plaque
  - Another Summer picnic alternative – time event with Luther Allison’s birthday
  - Kate will determine shelter availability

**Next Board meeting** – to be held Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:00pm at Village Lanes (down stairs) in Monona. Members are invited to attend.

Minutes submitted by Scott Frazee, Secretary