

Marquette Area Blues Society
Board of Directors Meeting
June 21, 2017 Vierling Sample Room

Called to order: 6:35

Adjourned: 7:57

Trustees attending:

Stoney, Charlie B, Tom B, Lorrie H, JoAnne M, Dave C, Ham, Jeff K, Tom H, Cindy E, Nancy W

Public Comment: (Jon W, Mark J, Ed S, Larry L), Cody Lakenen
Cody is organizer of the "Free the Music Fest" held at Lakenland Aug 11-12. He's asking for sponsorship. Event is free to public. Organ Grinders are the headliner. Cody will officially be added to Stage Crew.

Agenda approval: Jeff K moved- Dave C second- approved

Minutes approval: Ham moved- Stoney second- approved with corrections. Add Credit Union balance of \$53,006.12 and Blues Foundation membership to \$125

Officer Reports

Pres-Mark S.

The BluesFest was NOT on the best of fests list compiled by "Travel Marquette". Stoney & Ham plan to meet with them to champion our cause. Stoney & Walt plan to meet with the Ojibwa casino about broadening their sponsorship.

Vice Pres-Cindy E.

3 member renewals. Guitar blanks available soon.

Sec-Nancy W

No sec. news. Had request from Nick Smaby to pass out bibles at the fest. Will respond that we have no political or religious affiliation.

Treasurer- JoAnne M.

Balance \$52,713.76 Thank you notes from Kiwanis for chicken dinner tickets Donated. Also from Ham & T for Dancing with our Stars donation.

Standing Committee Report:

Edu Outreach- Jeff K.

Fast Eddie & Blues Trust for June Bluesday Tuesday

July- The Occasions

Aug- need to ask Derrell Syria to reschedule

Copyright issues with movie "I am the Blues" & "Sidemen" need clarification.

Events- Mark J./Larry L

Larry is trying to put together a show at the Masonic with Laura Rain Oct 21.

We have a \$3000 budget. Concerns about liquor license and liability insurance.

Plan to have a report on costs for next meeting so we can vote on venue.

Blues Promotion- Walt L

Discussed possible summer show by Mule Bone July 11 at Flannigan's new outdoor stage or Ore Dock. Perfect timing to include a member/volunteer drive.

Fest- Walt L

Deadline for contracts is July 15. Ads available for \$500 + sponsorship. Need any art by 7/20.

We lost Charter Spectrum and MQT Monthly as sponsors.

Program will be done by Globe.

Dawn S. has stepped up to be Volunteer Coordinator and will gladly accept any and all help.

No update on parades other than the applications are sent. Candy is ordered. Truck details are being worked out by Charlie.

Fest poster proof looks good. Will have copies ready for Blueberry Fest.

Travel MQT asked to be an "in kind" sponsor.

Blues Blast runs our ad for 6 weeks for \$300

Need 1850' of fence. Ed has gotten a great price from Midway Rentals and will purchase (\$810 for 30 rolls) Tom B motioned- Ham seconded- passed the spending approval.

Good of the Order-

Everyone is relieved that Ed is recovered from his heart attack.

Fri 7/7 the Jimmy's will perform in Gladstone

New Business-

"Free the Music" sponsorship is approved for \$400. Lorrie moved- Dave C seconded

Need new meeting location for next 3 months. Possibly back to the Border Grill.

Next Fest meeting moved to July 10 at Tom B. house.

Next board meeting 7/19 at Border Grill