

## **Chippewa Valley Blues Society Meeting**

### **September 8, 2009**

The meeting of the Chippewa Valley Blues Society was at Westgate Sportsman's Club on Sept. 8th at 7:00 pm. Those in attendance included: Snapshot and Lisa Vandewalle, Ken Fulgione, Dan Callan, Pete Pappas, Rob Edwards, Debbie and Mike Fischer, John Berman, Eric Johnson, Mike Kelley, Buck Barrickman and Mary Dettmann.

### **Items on the agenda:**

#### **General:**

Treasurer's report:

General fund: \$3,547.00

Tuesday Night Blues fund: \$3,466.00

Recent costs include: cash box = \$65.00 and folding portable tables = \$94.00

All bills are cleared and paid up!

#### **Fall Event:**

Geneva Red will perform on October 11th at Westgate Sportsman's Club, this is a Sunday afternoon event. Howard Luedtke will open as a solo act. The cost will be \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door and \$8 for members. There is no beer sponsor yet, but posters are being made up. Budget remaining includes \$500 for band, \$350 for sound and \$150 for Howard. We need \$200 for start up cash at the event. Ken will contact Leader-Telegram to advertise and possibly write an article for the entertainment section. Motion made and seconded to pay for an ad in Volume One. Volunteers are needed to help at the event. Also, we are looking for items to raffle for fundraising. The Great Northern Blues Society is advertising this event on their website. Thank you for your support!

#### **Tuesday Night Blues on the River:**

Financially, we have outstanding bills to DigiCopy = \$64.95, Volume One = \$143.95 and possibly one to FOX for \$245.00. There is an incoming grant for \$2000 and we are behind about \$1200 in sponsorship money, overall the event is up approx. \$3500.

Overall, the event was a huge success, with thanks given to volunteers that helped week after week. Interest was generated in blues music, new members gained and 189 comments were submitted (comments to be posted on our website).

John Berman recommended that there be no intermission, maybe just a quick one with someone speaking about the sponsors and other information. Just long enough for musicians to take a quick break. Some people left at this time thinking it was over.

The tent at the front seemed to improve visibility for our cause. Pictures and the suggestion list are needed for the grant submission.

Buck Barrickman resigned from the committee for time commitment reasons, but would be available to help. New committee members include: Mike Fischer, John Berman, Dano,

Dan Callan, Gordy Pillar and Eric Johnson. Anyone is welcome to help on the committee. Loose ends need to be tied up by the end of September. Most items are in place for next year including: forms, format and contacts. This will greatly help the committee going forward. **Thank you to this committee for the great success and huge commitment to this event!**

Thank you letters will go out to the sponsors and bands with the opportunity to sponsor again next year. Documentation has given Buck the promise to sponsor again.

The group discussed the option of having a celebration for our sponsors, bands and volunteers. Arguments were made on the cost and location of this event. It was motioned and approved to hold this event on Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> at the House of Rock at 2:30-3:00 pm with food and limited beverages provided. Motion: 8 approved, 3 opposed and 2 abstained in the voting.

### **General Business:**

#### ***T-shirts:***

We are getting low shirts, we have 21 hats left. We have 12 short sleeves (4 ea. Of S, L and XXXL) left. Long sleeves (2-L and 4-XL) left. We voted on a new design and opted for new colors with white printing. There will be a new screen charge of \$35.00. Motion was made and seconded to spend \$500.00 for new shirts, approx. 4 dozen.

#### ***Blues on the Chippewa:***

Balance of \$250 to be paid to the event. We originally approved \$500, which \$250 has already been paid. Also, a check was written for \$70 that we received from Ellen Whyte last year, that was supposed to be for the Durand Food Pantry. We also donated our proceeds from CD sales we received from the artists at the event.

Rob and Dan also presented a request for more funding for the bluesmobile from CVBS. We decided to table discussion until next month on this topic, to give more time for discussion.

#### ***General:***

A membership committee needs to be formed to contact old members as well as new members for their support. We need the membership form updated on the website with the new address added and the charter form deleted. Ken has pdf file and will send to John LeBrun for updating the website.

Deep Water Reunion has asked if we would like to hold a CD release party for their new CD. We discussed the possibility of holding a winter/CD release event or at our March Lust for Blues. Further discussion will be made on this option.

Dan Callan brought up the need to continue the Tuesday Night Blues project through the year at indoor sites. He would like to pursue an event at the Mabel Tainter in Menomonie. We approved the motion to pursue this and gather more information and bring to the next meeting.

Snapshot has accepted a fundraising position at WHYS 96.3 radio station and will be resigning as Vice President for CVBS. He suggested we financially contribute to the non-

profit radio station to support their blues music efforts. We agreed and will put it on our agenda to discuss at our next meeting.

As part of our non-profit status, our Tuesday Night Blues on the River did feature the following non-profits groups this summer: Humane Society, local Food Pantry and the Veteran's. The subject of donating additional monies was brought up.

Our non-profit status was discussed with additional items needed to complete this status. This is needed to be done ASAP, since we have deadline to complete and submit these items. Lisa volunteered to contact Terry Stanley as to the status of our group and what is needed to complete this status, and then contact Ken as to where we are at.

Meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at 7:00 pm at Shari's Chippewa Club in Durand.