

## **Chippewa Valley Blues Society Meeting August 11, 2010**

The meeting of the Chippewa Valley Blues Society was at the Coffee Grounds in Eau Claire on August 11th at 6:30 pm. Those in attendance included: Duane Kebschull, Debbie and Mike Fischer, John Berman, E.J. Johnson, John LeBrun, Kevin and Mary Dettmann, also by teleconference, Theresa Dewitz, Shannon Berman and Joe Fischer.

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

**Approval of May meeting minutes:** Motion: Debbie Fischer; seconded: Mike Fischer.

**Treasurer's Report:** no report, treasurer not present. Table for next month.

**Tuesday Night Blues Fund:** \$7,900.00

The balance will be about \$8,000 after a few outstanding deposits and bills to pay. Checks in hand add up to about \$450.00. John Berman to add sales information from TNB to the report for September.

Mike Fischer has a copy of tax form for 2009. It was suggested to establish a spreadsheet to ease the task of tax reporting, with an expanded form to include the TNB activity. 2010 will not be as good due to the lack of grant funding and lower sponsorships. Discussion on a season end event or co-sponsoring a show with the State Theater. There were no questions about the report.

**ASCAP:** John has been getting calls and emails regarding requesting \$225.00 for a 2009 events. Non-profit events are based on attendance. Motion made by Debbie Fischer for CVBS to pay the fee. Kevin Dettmann seconded the motion. Authorization given to John Berman to negotiate fees with ASCAP (Assoc. of Composers and Publishers).

**TNB Report:** There have been no cancellations as of yet this series. Vendors are doing ok, we have had some rain dates at the Little Grand Theater in the beginning and the hot weather has had some effect on sales and attendance. We are doing okay money-wise, may have some left over to get going for next year. Some ideas for future are to have a coalition date at the end of the season, maybe co-op for a big name performance. Also, co-op with bar/bars for Tuesday Night Blues night or year-round blues night. Suggestion to put out a survey for comments/improvements, a donation jug and an email sign up list.

### **Merchandise Committee Report:**

We still have t-shirts in a variety of colors and sizes, available to sell. We have had requests for tank tops, mens and womens sizes and a few specific sizes. Mary to find out costs and options. The tank tops will wait until next summer season.

**Blues on the Chippewa:** we committed to donate \$500.00 with \$250.00 already given. Motion made to pay the remainder by Kevin Dettmann, seconded by Debbie Fischer. We sold 24 t-shirts, 6 hats and 6-10 memberships. Presented costs from Fleet Feet for new t-shirts, motion to approve and pay bill made by Debbie Fischer, seconded by Dano.

**New Business:** There was discussion on having a fall event, maybe having local talent perform. Decided to table further discussion until next month's meeting. Motion made by Mike Fischer and seconded by Eric Johnson.

Meeting was adjourned by 8:00 pm. Motion: Mike Fischer and seconded: Kevin Dettmann.