

Chippewa Valley Blues Society Minutes
November 11, 2008
Sammy's Pizza, Eau Claire, WI

- Prior meeting's minutes approved.
- Finances
 - * Current balance in Society's account is \$1,002.46
 - ** Currently one outstanding bill to Clear Channel is pending.
 - ** Dispute over actual amount owed by Society to Clear Channel.
 - ** President will contact CC and will report outcome of these discussions at the next meeting.
 - * Tax exempt (501c3) status filing almost complete
 - ** Things the Blues Society can do to speed up the process:
 1. Produce a newsletter at regular intervals that contains educational components.
 - * Discussion settled on a quarterly publication rate.
 - * Creation of a writing committee was proposed.
 2. Create a series of Blues Seminars
 - * Possibly at the Library?
 3. Include Vice President's Blues radio show on WHYS Public Radio as an educational component.
 - ** Corporate notebook for the Blues Society has been created and contains meeting minutes and election notes. Currently held and updated by the treasurer.
 - * Post Office Box will be set up shortly.
 - ** Motion to create independent address (PO Box) for the society was passed during a previous meeting.
- Blues Society T-shirts need to be inventoried and a person should be made responsible for maintaining a current inventory and storage of shirts between events. That person will also be responsible for making sure the shirts are brought to an event and that their sale is properly recorded. Inventory updates will be given at monthly meetings or will be sent to secretary if the responsible party cannot attend a meeting.
 - * Motion was made to make this function a responsibility of the office of the vice president.
 - * Motion was passed to be effective November 15, 2008.
- First Anniversary Event, November 15th at The House of Rock
 - * Doors will open at 3pm.
 - * An issue raised about this event is that it's budget (\$1150) is actually slightly above the amount the Society has in it's account and is therefore technically in violation of society bylaws.
 - ** The budget was originally set at a meeting when the

treasurer was not present.

** Budget was set on a guesstimate of what was in the account.

** Methods for improving communication about the Society's finances were discussed.

* Volunteers for the event are: President Ken Fulgione, VP Mike Vandewalle (Snapshot), Lisa Vandewalle

We are hoping the "Blues Brothers" from the Durand event will stop by to help out!

* Tables will be brought by Ken

* WHYS Public radio will be supporting the event with banners.

* Posters for the event arrived during the meeting.

- Web Site Changes

- * A motion was offered to create a section a section of the Society website as musician clearinghouse or listing in order to facilitate contacts between local blues musicians. Musicians would have to be members of the Blues Society to post them on the listing.

- ** Motion was passed.

- Membership

- * Membership renewal cards have been designed. They are to be mailed to members who are due to renew their Society membership each month.

- * New membership cards were discussed.

- ** Potential designs will be emailed to all the officers.

- When they sign off on a design the go ahead to create them will be given.

- Summer Concert Series

- * Committee formed at the last meeting to look into the possibility of creating a blues series of concerts in a local park. They reported their findings.

- ** Using a "Music in the Park" format

- ** Potential Costs: \$300 to \$600 per event

- ** Potential funding sources: Grants, Sponsorships - WHYS a possibility

- ** Tentatively set for Tuesdays at Owen Park

- Mid May through mid September 17 events

- ** Committee held a meeting after the Society meeting.

- Nominations of Officers for next year.

- * Taking nominations on the website and by email

- * Election will be held in February

- Next meeting will be held at Shari's Chippewa Club in Durand

- Meeting Adjourned.