Marquette Area Blues Society/Board of Directors Regular Meeting
February 16, 2011 @ Landmark Inn Board Room 6:30pm

Welcome by President Terry Klavitter
Present: Tom Buchkoe, Wayne Dickinson, Deb Duquette, Mark Hamari, Jeff Kallery Terry Klavitter, Larry Letts, Walt Lindala, Mark Maki, and Terry Surrell
Absent: Marshall Killian and Mark Stonerock
Society members also Present - Dave Crum and JoAnne Maki

Approval of the Agenda /Wayne Dickinson moved to approve the agenda as presented, second by Larry Letts /Carried unanimously
Approval of the January 2011 meeting minutes Mark Maki moved to approve as presented, second by Mark Hamari/ Carried unanimously

Public comment
Joe Bonnamosa at Pabst Theatre/Milwaukee, March12 and JoAnne Shaw Taylor was "on fire" at Callahans per Dave Crum

<u>Officer's Reports</u>

President Terry Klavitter
Continuing efforts for site option costs and benefits in and around Marquette and the Ishpeming and Negaunee areas
Reported on officers meeting and discussions on ways to improve communication, also the preliminary budget expenses for review at the March 16th, 2011 meeting. Total expenses are listed at $60,250. Wayne Dickinson noted we need to list revenues as well

Vice President Mark Hamari
Getting list of memberships and going through other information received from Wayne Dickinson, past Vice President.

Secretary Mark Maki
Reported on communication received - Four letters received from February 1- 16 , two letters from BMI , a mentoring program from Northern and an artist packet from Reverend Robert Sexton who played our festival and would like to come back..

Treasurer Deb Duquette
Provided a written report prior to the meeting
The Checkbook balance is at $711.93 and Money Market balance is at $24,326.32 and a list of bills thru February 1, 2011.
Moved by Larry Letts to approve as presented, Second by Tom Buchkoe, Carried unanimously.

Standing Committees Reports

Educational Outreach - Open Chair
Discussion on events at Library etc. in past and need to have this committee active - Jeff Kallery indicated a willingness to help with this.
Walt Lindala noted summer concerts in the commons in downtown Marquette

UP Blues and News - Walt Lindala
The last paper newsletter is still being worked on and will be able to include updates and artists booked for the 2011 Festival.
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Events Coordinator - Larry Letts
Working on an event with Upfront possibly for May, but dates are hard to find and one date we thought we had got bumped for a wedding. Possible artist: Bernard Allison
Larry Letts asked about access to all Board members to be able to e-mail events that are coming up to all members.
Board members would need access password to be able to do this.

Dog Sled Races
Dave Crum spoke on the options to help them - was similar to what we did before south of Marquette Mountain and looked for members who would be able to help on Friday night the 18th from 6:30pm to 9 pm. Also help needed on the finish on Sunday 2pm to 6 pm at the Lower Harbor.
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Merchandise – Open Chair
Merchandise moved by Deb Duquette to Terry Klavitter's house awaiting someone to be willing to manage the merchandise including at the festival.

Festival Committee - Walt Lindala
Entertainment committee is working on Artists selection to be completed by March 1, 2011.
Contracts signed with Shemeka Copeland, JoAnne Shaw Taylor, Mac Arnold Band and Madcat Kane.
Tom Buchkoe said he will get links to the artists now that they are under contract.
Workshops are under discussion with Madcat Kane and JoAnne Shaw Taylor as well as Randy Seppala's "bones" workshop.

Motion by Mark Maki to approve down payments as follows for Artists and Sound and Staging:
Shemeka Copeland - $3000 / JoAnne Shaw Taylor - $1500 / Mac Arnold Band - $500
Sombrero Sound - $2500
Second by Walt Lindala and carried unanimously

Walt Lindala asked about the results from the last year questionnaire. Ticket prices will be discussed by Festival committee at meeting on March 7, 2011 at Stonerocks 6:30 pm.

Deb Duquette would like to get blues forms onto the Society computer from various members for their areas.

Old Business

Terry Klavitter spoke on the mission of the blues society and how we need to work to continue to meet these goals. While the festival is a big part, and of course fun, we need to find ways to bring about other actions to meet our mission.
Discussion on having a "social" blues meeting once in a while - Something like blues after hours
JoAnne Maki suggests using ads in the paper as well, like when the society first started giving meeting times and locations which brought in people with blues interests.
Goals to be reviewed at a later date

Good of the Order

March 12th – Avey Brothers at Terrace Bay in Escanaba
Blues on the Aurora- Fathers Day weekend
Adjourned at 8:30 pm
Submitted,

Mark Maki
Secretary