

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2008
P.D.'S PUB, SQUIRREL HILL, PA
6:00 P.M.

In Attendance: Jonnye Weber, Jim Weber, Barb Gangone, Jim Hamel, Maria Kovacs, Ed Malloy, Donna Bennet, Annie Sutton, Mick Lamorte, Tedi Mason, Jim Mason, Rob Patterson, Diane Devine, Sheila Vechhio, Dave Hasch, Rich Majeran, Ray Rak, Jackie Coates

The Treasurer's report was given.

- Cash taken in from memberships, sales, booth sales, advertisements \$13,760.20
 - Cash paid out for affiliation, IBC prizes, merchandise, past debts accrued Before reorganization, rentals, post office box, office supplies, donations to benefits for H. McCorkle and American Cancer Society, banner, newsletter, Postage..... - \$10,861.68
- Balance \$2898.68

Jim and Jonnye Weber reported on past year's merchandising and marketing.

- Pamphlets were distributed to be used as informational tools
- Gave our donation letters for potential monetary donations and donations
- Need for volunteers to campaign for donations-maximize our efforts
- Need for creative thinking concerning whom to approach for donations
- Jim Weber distributed IBC applications and asked everyone to solicit bands
 - Jonnye and Jim sent out informational packets before Christmas to many bands to inform them of IBCs and the date
 - Asking for advertising space for entrants and announcing our IBC with various Blues Societies within the connecting states.
 - Two commitments for IBC ..\$45 fee
- Jim Weber talked about upcoming CD compilation.
- Merchandise was talked about for coming events
 - Campaign to possibility of combining shirts and CD as a package offering
 - Count to be conducted of what is available.
 - Merchandising meeting will be scheduled soon to get items ready for concerts and festival season.
 - Ad payment for website
 - Volunteers needed
 - Matching volunteer with skills needed by Society
- Newsletter-Need volunteers for articles
 - Six paid ads this past year totaling \$600
- Vote passed to bring EG Knight to Pittsburgh at \$300 and have Bubs McKeg open
 - Will confirm club and times
- Maria requested photos, articles, calendar updates for website.

- Ability to add content without webmaster will soon be made available to board members.
- Changed web affiliations
- February 28, harp school in doubt. Will contact Tony Janflone.
 - Offer to pay in lieu of sending a check to his fundraiser
 - Clarified to members that Blues school is open to public
 - Suggested to get Blues school info to music schools
 - Suggested to do a three month schedule and advertise by poster
- Nominations for election of officers taken
 - Election to be held May 4, place and time to be determined.
 - Nominations included:
 - Jim Weber –President
 - Jonnye Weber- Membership Secretary
 - Don Vecchio-Treasurer
 - Jim Fanciscus-Vice President
 - Ray Rak- Vice President
 - Barb Gangone-Secretary
 - John Erskine-Board-Vets Liaison
 - Jim Board-????
 - Maria Kovacs- Board –Webmaster
 - Rob Patterson-Board
 - Tedi Mason-Board
 - Dave Hasch-Board
 - Tuck-Rich Majeran-Board- festivals
 - Diane Devine- Board

Question was asked..” Are there committees?”

- Members needed to support following:
 - Website
 - Newsletter
 - Publicity
 - Marketing
 - Merchandising
 - Festivals
 - Booths at functions
- Members are encouraged to donate their skills

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

