

Minutes of WMJS Board Meeting
April 24, 2019

Members present: Jim, Shannan,Michelle, Kat, Mary, Tim, George, John, Peni

Members absent: Jerry

Guests: Kurt Ehinger, Dan Oman, Jake Vanderheyden, Kevin Hubbard

1. Board members toured the grounds at Millenium Park and decided to hold the Jazz in the Park series near the pavilion this year. Jim will be looking into possible donations of a bandshell for future concerts at the nearby concert bowl area.
2. The minutes of the March board meeting were approved.
3. Financials: Jim presented the financials for the past 3 months and mentioned that the April Gumbo concert was very profitable.
4. Gumbo review: The April crowd was very good, the seating was much improved, and we will be returning to the Casino Club again next year.
5. Education: The board decided to award \$2000 to Blue Lake to fund overseas travel for 2 students. Mary and Tim will continue to explore jazz programs to present to area schools.
6. Mary will pursue arrangements for the Educator Award for Eric Wendtland Sr party/reception to be held this summer at SpeakEZ.
7. Jazz in the Park: John is arranging for 2 billboards advertising the series to begin soon. John also has arranged for WMJS to be a sponsor of the Beacon Hill Golf Tournament. The board decided to accept the contract with Kent County Parks for our Jazz in the Park series at Millennium Park. Shannan has secured \$2500 worth of sponsorships for the Jazz in the Park series through advertising linked on our web site. Tentative handicap and member parking plans were formulated.
8. Tim will make follow up contact with a young jazz band that has contacted Kat.
9. New board member nominations: Dan Oman, Linda Singer, and Jake Vanderheyden
10. The board accepted Diego's resignation.
11. Musician of the Year: Reservations are low at this point and the deadline to register has been moved to May 8. Past Musicians of the Year get a reduced fee: \$35. We will be using social media a lot in the next few days to advertise the event.
12. Volunteer appreciation event: Shannan will secure possible dates with the same Lake Michigan site as last year.

Next mtg: May 22, 2019 at Cooper's Landing

submitted by George Zuiderveen