

Minutes of WMJS Board Meeting

October 24, 2018

Members present: Peni, Noelle, Jerry, Shannan, Michelle, Kat, John, Mary, George

Members Absent: Tim, Diego

Guests: Barb, Jim, Jan Basham

1. It was moved by Jerry, seconded by Peni, and passed that the September 2018 minutes be approved as corrected.
2. The financials were presented by Jim. It was moved by George, seconded by John, and passed that the report be approved.
3. Technology report: Although the Wild Apricot training was not able to be attended by any board member, we will be able to pay for such training in the future out of our admin and/or membership budgets. So far nothing has come from our membership with EZ Samaritan. Jim will ask Eddie to follow up on this. Our web site now has our minutes posted and after Jim and Michelle finalize a format our financials will also be posted there.
4. Holiday Party: Shannan passed around the silent auction items from last year to review and requested more items from board members and friends. The board will pay for Kevin's holiday party ticket as a thanks for moving our signs at the Jazz In The Park events.
5. Membership Perks update: The committee is still working with Eddie to secure the details of what the businesses' perks will be. The new rates for membership have not been decided. Noelle will send the proposed membership levels and rates to the board members.
6. Membership Drive event: The board is planning a January open house style event with announcements in between sets of music with snacks and maybe drinks. By the November board meeting we should have a date and place lined up. Noelle will check into possibilities for this event.
7. Jazz Gumbo review: Jim reviewed the many problems encountered at the last event related to reservations and recommended doing away with reservations. We will try using name tags for each person with their table number on it for the November event.
8. Jazz Gumbo going forward: Shannan moved, Mary seconded, and the board passed a motion to move the Gumbo series to a new location (probably The Casino Club) starting in January. The motion included pricing at \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members to include admission and food; a cash bar to be provided. John, Peni, Barb, and Jim will follow up on this, with Jim alerting Donna for the newsletter.
9. Planned Giving: Shannan will write up a blurb for the November newsletter for donations to the new fund, The Betty Forrest Circle, at the Grand Rapids Community Foundation.
10. Musician of the Year: The information is in the newsletter and the reveal is scheduled for the Membership Drive Event.
11. Jerry continues to investigate funds from the Union Member Grants.
12. Jerry and Mary will put together a program proposal to receive grant money for educational programs for schools in western Michigan.
13. Progressive Jazz series: Noelle and Shannan will talk about whether to continue this program.
14. Volunteers: We are currently short of the volunteers needed to operate a phone tree, as well as other possible tasks.
15. Adjourned at 7PM . Next meeting on November 28, 2018 at 5:30 at Cooper's Landing

submitted by George Zuiderveen