

West Michigan Jazz Society  
Board Meeting Minutes  
9/2/2023

Meeting started at 9:45 AM

Present: Jim Reed, Michelle Needham, Laura Ohman, Jan Basham, Shannan Denison  
Not present: Mary Rademacher, Kevin Jones, Jordan VanHemert, Jake Vanderheyden

1. Kevin Jones resigned from the WMJS board as of this meeting.
2. Minutes from July approved: Jim made the motion and Jan 2nd, all approved.
3. Jazz in the Park Wrap-Up Tabled until next meeting
  - a) Shannan found out that GVSU may sponsor a city bus to come from downtown to Millennium Park for 2024.
4. Wrap up of fundraiser at Michelle Bottrall's house will be rescheduled due to COVID
5. Financials:
  - a) Because we are on a cash basis we showed a loss in July of \$3600 but we really only lost \$2278.85
  - b) Jim will add a money request in the newsletter
6. Monday Night Jazz:
  - a) Great line-up, new food situation where the menu from Coney Girl will be hot dogs (or veggie dogs) with choice of coleslaw or potato salad. Also they can pay an up-charge for a sausage/bratwurst. It will save us \$2/person and there is no set quantity we need to break even.
  - b) This all lines up with the survey results we saw, still serving food at the shows with the same ticket pricing - while also saving WMJS money & not taking on risk. Previously we had to guarantee 80 now we don't.
  - c) COST: \$285 for the club. Now \$8 for food. \$17 for members \$22 non-members No Food: Members \$12 Non Member \$17
7. Membership: Current active members vs lifetime. Possibly make a membership card that you can scan in. Michelle will meet with Laura Ohman to start forming a membership committee.
8. Heidi Hertel, a member, would like to become a board member. Michelle will reach out to her and ask her to volunteer at Monday Night Jazz.
9. Program Committee: Jordan did a nice job with the line-up.
10. Finance Committee: Michelle has an application for Mitten Grant for next year's Jazz in the Park
11. Newsletter: Mary will get everyone the deadlines for the next. Ask someone now to volunteer to do a write-up on the Monday Night Jazz. Thank you to the bucket committee (Dan and Steph, Laura, Kevin, Sam) ask Bruce for a picture.
12. Sam is sending out membership letters, stickers, etc. Thank you, Sam.
13. Possibly do a Volunteer Appreciation party for Jazz in the Park, could be a way to recruit new members.
14. Michelle Needham has the parking stuff, Laura Ohman has the tent, t-shirts, etc.
15. Scholarship Committee: gave out 2 this year, 3rd had to decline because he couldn't find housing
16. Education: No update
17. Next Meeting September 23rd at 9:30 AM
18. Meeting adjourned at 10:54 AM Jan motioned, Jim 2nd, all in favor
19. Minutes by Shannan Denison