

MEMPHIS AREA BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION

MEMBER'S MEETING

January 9, 2010



Attendees:

Benny Cole, Brenda Cole, Larry Bomar, Peter Smith, Jim Phillips, Bob Waters, Harry Mclellan, Coley Graves, Carol McDonald, Johnny McDonald, Gordon Jones, Jean Jones, Clay Caver, Don Peters, Steve Craig, Kevin Thompson, Rick Crenshaw, Helen Davis, Ned Plunk, Jeannie Gentry, Buford Tankersley, Charlotte Albright, Doc Adams

Minutes:

Topic	Notes	Owner
Meeting called to order	1/9/10; 11:05; Opened with prayer	Benny Cole
Secretary's Report	December meeting minutes distributed (Bob Waters); Clarified that the check from Shelby Farms was deposited; Motion was passed to have Frank Ray at Williston; will be added to the December minutes and sent to Chuck Clark (Bob Waters); December meeting minutes approved Quick round of introductions	Dianna Ford
Treasurer's Report	Treasury Report distributed; Not much activity in Dec.; Reviewed report in detail (see Treasury Report); Not sure what the monthly bill is for Montgomery Insurance (liability); James asked us to send a report on the merchandise sales for last year for his filing with the state. Spent more money on merchandise than we sold last year. Rick Crenshaw confirmed that he has MABA inventory/products.	Larry Bomar Clay Caver
Communication/ Marketing <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yahoo Group• MABA Website• NewsGrass	Rick spoke with Karen regarding the renewal letter that is supposed to go out. Should be issued at the end of month; Gordon sends the updated mailing list; sends around the 20 th of the month; Need to receive the articles by 15 th ; needs to get to the printer/mailer by 20 th ; Should arrive before the first of the month. Dianna to contact Karen about the NewsGrass	Mike Albert Chuck Clark Karen Clark

	<p>It is less expensive to send newsletter if there are more people; at one point, MABA paid Cecil Yancy to do the newsletter for a while; James wanted to know how much we paid him; Peter said we do not owe him any additional funds to do the newsletter.</p> <p>Dianna offered to create a Facebook page for MABA.</p>	
Events/Activities	<p>MABA Potluck: To be held at the Woodland Presbyterian Church 3/6/10; will need to update with the start time. Rick gave dates to Karen to get into the newsletter. Gordon requested volunteers to help set up and clean up. Follow-up with John on the form that needed to be filled out for the church; also need to ensure that the check is ready for the Church (Larry Bomar); Williston Festival (Fri/Sat; June 11th and 12th)</p>	Gordon Jones
Regulatory	<p>James Johnson takes care of the 5013C/non-profit status Pays state taxes on materials sold, legal support;</p> <p>No report</p>	James Johnson, Wayne Walker, Peter Smith
Membership	<p>Current Membership Count: 241 Not much to report Have a list from Larry of new members</p>	Gordon Jones
Education	<p>Distributed MABA 2010 Education Packet</p> <p>January 16, 2010: Bass Workshop to be held at the Hope jam session; Craig Yarbrough will be the instructor</p> <p>Craig/Dianna to provide 2-3 door prizes; some supporting materials, etc.</p> <p>Requested approval to proceed with an April Workshop including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilizing Bluegrass Music in the Schools (Teacher Workshop) • Mark (Brink) Brinkman from Columbus, Ohio to conduct a 1.5 to 2 hour Monroe style mandolin workshop and a 1.5 to 2 hour songwriting workshop • Evening concert: Dianna working with Mark Holder • Cost to MABA: \$550; potential for Memphis Songwriting Association to participate and pay half of the fee? <p>Peter motioned to approve for three quarters: (\$550 for April, \$500, \$500); Larry Bomar, Bob Waters and Clay Caver seconded the motion.</p>	Dianna Ford
Grass Committee	Nursing Homes; Harry and Benny go twice a month; Rebecca	Helen Davis

	<p>Sherrod volunteered to help; in the past have worked with Camp Braveheart; 4-5 people in the past</p> <p>Lucy Opry: Need to look at the future for Bartlett Performing Arts Center</p>	
Welcome/Caring	<p>Sent two cards for Bob Barnett</p> <p>Clay Caver, Steve Craig, Donna Wolf, Karen Hudson, Bobby and Libby Holland went to visit; Don and Faith Peters also went to the hospital to visit.</p>	<p>Loyce Smith, Jo Edith and James Hudson, Erna Wheeley</p>
New Business	<p>Southern Arts Federation: Dianna Ford provided an update on the available grants. Dianna to draft grant applications.</p> <p>Rick requested that someone store the MABA merchandise; there are three tables, a truck load of merchandise, boxes of CDs, boxes of tshirts, banners, flyers; small truck bed load</p> <p>Larry Bomar: Signage at Hope; need to have signs; need to find who has the signs and how to get someone to post them</p> <p>Benny Cole and Harry Mclellan will work on the signs</p> <p>Lonnie Gaither may have some of the signs; Bob Barnett may have had them made.</p> <p>Jim Phillips: Had a little problem last year with Julie Herring; one of the bands showed up and had to pay to get in; she has been in touch with that family; she paid \$20; we will need to get Julie her money refunded; Jim Phillips to get with Clay Caver to reimburse her; motion made by Jim; seconded by Rick Crenshaw.</p> <p>Potential Golf Tournament Fundraiser suggested – Benny Cole</p> <p>Outreach to the youth discussed; Outreach to non-pickers/listeners</p> <p>Slow Jam; discussed sharing your talent; mentoring; Ned Plunk, Jack McDivitt and Bobby Holland do spend time in slow jam; others also volunteered.</p> <p>Discussed a venue/location for MABA – will follow up on potential committees.</p>	<p>Dianna Ford</p>
Meeting End/Adjourn	<p>12:08 p.m.; <i>Meeting minutes taken by Dianna Ford</i></p>	<p>Benny Cole</p>