

**Board Members Present:**

President: Bob Williams  
Activities Chair: Peter Smith  
Treasurer: Karl Gray  
WEB/ Communications Chair: Jim Vineyard  
Secretary: Yolanda Harper

**Board Member(s) Unable to Attend:**

Vice President: Marshall Brown  
Membership Chair: Gordon Jones

**Additional MABA Board Members in Attendance:**

Gordon Gillespie  
Roy Smith

There being a quorum present, Bob Williams called the meeting to order at 12:08p.m. and gave an invocation. This meeting will be the monthly meeting for February, 2017

**Standing Agenda/Old Business – Treasurer and Committee Reports:**

**Approval of Minutes:** The first order of business was to vote for the approval of the January 2017 minutes. Jim Vineyard moved that the minutes be approved. Peter seconded the motion. By board consensus, the motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Board treasurer, Karl Gray, gave the treasurer report including an itemized report for the 2017 year-to-date expenses provided in a separate document. Records of all expense reports are maintained on file by the Treasurer. Board members found all records of income and expenses to be in order. Yolanda Harper moved that the treasurer's report be approved. Peter seconded the motion. By board consensus, the motion carried.

**Communication Report:** Jim Vineyard shared feedback he received regarding MABA activity level and location. Board members discussed ideas for additional activities and holding periodic events at different locations throughout the greater Memphis area. Marketing strategies were discussed including an idea for business cards brought to the Board by the President, Bob Williams. Jim offered to design the business card and email the draft to the board. Pending approval of the design, the Board authorized him to order the cards from Vistaprint. Jim also reported emailing a save-the-date announcement for the MABA March 11<sup>th</sup> fiddle workshop and updating the website.

**Activities Chair Report:** Peter Smith reported that Colonel Mike Kisner is ready to teach a fiddle workshop. The date of March 11, 2017 is confirmed. Jim stated he will create a flyer announcing the workshop for dissemination. Yolanda asked if the church would allow us to put up temporary signs to direct people to the fiddle workshop. Jim with check on signage.

**Membership Report:** Gordon Jones was not present to give the membership report.

**Welcome and Caring Outreach Report:** Bob Williams reported that Jean Jones sent a card to MABA members who recently lost their daughter.

**New Business:**

- Continuing on the issues raised based on feedback Jim shared with the board during the communication report, the board discussed new marketing strategies in increase awareness of MABA, including business cards, event promotion and holding additional jam sessions in different locations.

**Old Business:**

- Old business included the discussion of the fiddle workshop logistics.

There being no further business, Peter Smith moved the meeting be adjourned. Jim Vineyard seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Yolanda Harper  
(DRAFT, pending board approval)