

Southern Wisconsin Bluegrass Music Association, Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes (condensed)
November 5, 2008

Present: Ellis Bauman, Jim Knobloch, George Reynolds, Sharon Manion, and Jean Knickelbine
Regrets: Jon Peik and Catherine Rhyner

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. The treasurer's report was reviewed/approved prior to this meeting. The association's net worth report showed a balance of \$12,472.06 as of 10/31/2008.

Jean reported that she is working with Lane's Lutherie to place an advertisement in an upcoming newsletter and the web site.

Jim gave an update on the shirts and asked the board's approval to order 48 additional short sleeve shirts (\$300.00) to replenish our stock prior to the holiday party. The board approved this order.

SWBMAI involvement with the November 8th Special Consensus show was discussed. In exchange for our sponsorship, we received several tickets for the show. The tickets will be given out during the next WORT bluegrass show along with a free SWBMAI membership which Jim will arrange. Jim will also organize a SWBMAI table.

The board reviewed and discussed the Bill Evans workshop proposal submitted by Julie Cherney and Carolyn Hegler. George will go back to Julie and Carolyn with the board's concerns and questions. He will follow-up with an email to the board for a final vote on their request. The vote will need to occur prior to Thanksgiving.

The December 6th holiday party was discussed next. Jim will look into getting beer from Esser's in Cross Plains. Sharon will purchase the coffee, pop, and paper items. George will contact the founding members to personally extend an invitation. A postcard will go out to all members as a final invitation. The anniversary program will be done by George which will include a story on how the association was formed, introducing the founding members and honoring them with a plaque (Jean will make) George will also announce the scholarship programs but the money will not be given out that night since more work was necessary in putting this program together.

Sharon announced that she would be stepping down as a board member at the end of her term in March (or sooner if a replacement can be found).

Due to the time, the strategic planning will be discussed at the next meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. **Our next meeting will be Wednesday, December 3, 2008 at 6 p.m. at The Bar Next Door.**

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Manion
SWBMAI Secretary