

Folknet Board Meeting
March 23, 2016
7pm Highland Library, Medina

In attendance: Charlie Mosbrook, Becca Rhoades, Red Chrosniak, Bill Schilling, Mike Harris, Joanne Laessig, Tom Ball

Called to order: 7:35pm

- 1. Opening**
- 2. Last month's minutes** (Red)
 - a. Minutes from the last meeting, which was the planning meeting, were approved.
- 3. Treasurer** (Bill)
 - a. Treasurer's report was emailed out to the board for review.
 - b. The treasurer's report was approved.
 - c. Budget committee met to discuss the budget and propose a 2016 budget.
 - d. We got a notification from Amazon Smile about creating an account - Bill will complete that registration process.
- 4. Membership** (Mike)
 - a. Sitting right around 100 members. Reminders have been sent out and we're gearing up for the membership drive.
 - b. Three new memberships came in the mail.
- 5. Calendar**
 - a. For the April calendar we would like to make sure that the front page is a listing publicizing the April Folknet concert.
- 6. Web** (Charlie)
 - a. Web presence for the March concert was good with an extra email out about it.
 - b. More content would be good for the website - information will be put up about the April Concert.
- 7. Budget**
 - a. The budget committee met to discuss the proposed 2016 budget and will present that to the board in advance of the next meeting for discussion and vote.
- 8. Concerts** (Joanne)
 - a. The River of Song community sing went very well. It raised over \$400 for the Cuyahoga River Restoration.
 - i. The church that it was held at was great with their hospitality
 - b. The Balinloch concert was well done, but not well attended
 - i. Balinloch did a great job with their promotion of the event
 - c. Next concert is Wednesday April 6th at 7:30pm at Church of the Good Shepherd
 - i. Features Curtis and Loretta
 - ii. Charlie is going to create a Facebook event for it.
 - iii. Help is going to be needed from board members to attend to help facilitate for the event.

- iv. Checks made out to Loretta and Church of the Good Shepherd were written out and given to Joanne for the concert
- d. Look ahead to a fall concert series
 - i. Create a committee to start planning:
 - 1. Joanne, Red, Charlie - we will ask other board members and also reach out to the membership
 - ii. We should look to plan a September, October, and November concert series.
 - 1. Have a proposal for the Fall concert series by May
- e. Tentative date of May 21st for a spring sing

9. Workshops

- a. Kerry is planning to do a chord workshop at the Kent Free Library.
- b. Brought up during the Budget committee meeting looking at a contra dance band workshop

10. Membership Drive

- a. Membership drive will launch right around the Curtis and Loretta concert (April 6th)
- b. Pulling together a list of the raffle items for the membership drive.
 - i. Raffle prizes:
 - 1. Mandolin (Charlie)
 - 2. Folknet quilt (R&B)
 - 3. Guitar strap (Red)
 - 4. Dance g/c (Dale/Dance community)
 - 5. Acoustic Harvest CD
 - 6. Board member CDs
 - 7. Dulcimer (Bill)
 - 8. Contact local manufacturers (SIT strings, AT)
 - 9. Local music shops make donations/gift certificates
 - ii. Need to pull together a flier advertising the drive (Charlie and Mike)

11. Dance

- a. In discussion with the local dance community to see how we can partner and help support them.
- b. Look ahead to sponsoring a New Year's Eve dance.

12. MITV (Mike)

- a. Planning for MITV is going well.
- b. Possibly set up an area for a song circle at MITV

13. Next Meeting

- a. Next Meeting currently scheduled for April 27th at Lodi Library (635 Wooster St. Lodi, OH) at 7pm.

Adjourned: 8:56pm