

Folknet Meeting
Wednesday Oct. 28, 2015

In attendance: Tom Ball, Mike Harris, Charlie Mosbrook, Kate Kooser, Rick Feinberg, Bill Schilling, Joanne Laessig, Larry Bruner, Red Chrosniak

Called to order at 7:06pm

- 1. Opening remarks** Charlie
- 2. September Minutes** Red
 - a. Several changes were recommended to be made. Minutes accepted as amended.
- 3. Treasurer's report** Bill
 - a. Bill submitted account summaries for Folknet
 - b. In addition he submitted a report that noted that past signing members for the Chase account have been removed. Charlie and Red will be added in the near future.
 - c. Breakdown of income and expenses for the FARM showcase room was also presented.
 - d. Motion to accept the treasurer's report: Passed unanimously.
 - e. Motion to authorize writing checks for Church of the Good Shepherd, Andrew Calhoun, and Just Plain Folk: Passed unanimously.
- 4. Membership** Mike
 - a. Right around 110 individual members and it's been holding steady.
 - b. We're picking up an organizational membership pretty much once a month.
 - c. Membership drive in November.
 - i. Look at different prizes for new and existing members
 1. Mandolin had been mentioned before
 2. Dale Shirer donated a gift certificate for the Ohio City Contra Dance
- 5. Calendar** Larry
 - a. There were some things that were left off the calendar.
 - b. Two items to send out to members as a membership benefit
 - i. Comprehensive list of all the wineries in the area
 - ii. Irish pubs list
- 6. Web presence** Charlie
 - a. The website is all up to date and as far as can be seen the hack has been taken care of (Google has recognized that the site is no longer hacked)
 - b. Good updating of the website with current content.
 - c. Event made and folks invited for the Andrew Calhoun concert
- 7. Board Elections** Charlie
 - a. Figure out current board members whose terms are expiring and would need to be renewed.

- i. Folks who would need to renew their commitment would be Charlie Mosbrook, Joanne Laessig, Larry Bruner, Red Chrosniak, Mike Harris, and Becca Rhoades. All, except for Becca, expressed their intent to renew their board commitment.
 - 1. Larry will only be eligible for a one year non-voting term
 - ii. Bill Schilling indicated that he will recommit for a one year non-voting member of the board
 - b. Robin Stratton and Kerry Kean have announce their intention to join on. Unavailable for this months meeting. One other person has shown interest but is still figuring out commitment level.
 - c. Applications for new board members should be sent to the Folknet PO Box or emailed to Red as the secretary.
- 8. Concert series- Andrew Calhoun Joanne**
 - a. Concert is coming up this weekend on Sunday.
 - b. Cash box will be brought (Red)
 - c. We still need to coordinate someone to bring a banner (Joanne)
 - d. Volunteer needs for the concert:
 - i. Personing the entrance and collecting money
 - ii. Helping with set-up and cleanup
 - e. Joanne, Charlie, and Red are all planning on being there by 6pm to meet with Andrew and make sure everything is set up.
 - f. Other concert ideas:
 - i. Alternative to St. Patrick's day sings/concerts - alcohol free events
- 9. Open mic Charlie**
 - a. Charlie and Harriet from Loganberry sat down earlier this month. Everything seems to be smoothed out to keep the Loganberry open mic going forward.
- 10. Dance Red**
 - a. Some connections were made at FARM for potential callers
 - b. Still working on getting dances scheduled
- 11. Farm follow up Charlie**
 - a. Great showing from Northeast Ohio folks
 - b. Great job getting the Folknet brand out there
 - c. The Showcase room went really well
 - d. Charlie and Red will do a few write-ups and posts about the experience to post on the FB page and/or website
- 12. Community Sing**
 - a. Wassails and Whatnot Sunday, December 13 Church of the Good Shepherd: 2-5pm
 - i. Same plan as last year, but hopefully with more folks
 - ii. Potluck encouraged
 - b. Seeger Sing on Saturday, Feb 27 United Church of Christ in Bedford
 - i. The congregation of the church seems really excited so we should have a really good showing.

13. Workshop- Jim Kozel Heights Music Shop Kate

- a. Jim will hopefully lead a workshop that will focus on guitar care and maintenance - particularly during the winter months
 - i. Possible date would be Saturday, December 5th
 - ii. Make sure that the date will work and honorarium for Jim - motioned and approved to make Jim an offer for the workshop
 - iii. Check with Heights Music to see if they can offer some sort of discount for people who participate in the workshop
 - iv. Suggested price for the workshop is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members

14. Folksiving on Sunday Nov. 22nd from 2-5pm Kate

- a. Kate has a house in Shaker Heights that we can use for the event
- b. Max thirty people - require an RSVP
 - i. possibly as an event to recruit new board members
 - ii. by invite
- c. Potluck, socializing, and song sharing

15. Other Business

- a. Figure out budget for next year - possibly a tentative calendar
 - i. Budget committee, Charlie, Red, Mike, Tom, will set up a meeting time to talk about the budget.
- b. Moving the November and December Meetings
 - i. November meeting moved to Sunday Nov. 22nd at 1pm - an hour before the Folksiving celebration.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52pm