

**Folknet**  
**September 23, 2015**

**In attendance:** Dale Shirer, Kate Kooser, Charlie Mosbrook, Becca Rhoades, Mike Harris, Joanne Laessig, Bill Schilling, Tom Ball, Red Chrosniak

Called to order: 7:04pm

- 1. Opening remarks:** Charlie Mosbrook
  - a. Heights Music Shop
    - i. Owned and operated by Darrell Branch and Rick Szekelyi will be opening in Cleveland Heights on Lee Road in November. They will be a great resource and we're looking forward to a fruitful partnership.
- 2. Secretary's Report:** Red Chrosniak
  - a. Minutes were sent out - they were approved without change.
- 3. Treasurer's report:** Bill Schilling
  - a. Bill updated the board with the current balance of the Folknet accounts. Balance sheets were approved.
  - b. Most of the PayPal activity has been from the FARM Showcase room.
  - c. Bill noted that Mike Harris was added to the Chase bank account last week.
  - d. Bill Schilling made two motions:
    - i. As current treasurer and acting secretary of Folknet on September 23, 2015, I move that all those still listed as current signers for the Folknet Chase Checking account who are no longer members of the board be removed as soon as possible as signers from the Folknet Chase Checking account. This includes a former treasurer, Lucien Case; a former president and secretary, James Stone; and a former president, Robert Sammon. That leaves William Schilling, current treasurer and acting secretary of Folknet as well as Michael Harris, current vice-president of Folknet, as the current signers for the account. Motion made by William Schilling. Second made by Joanne Laessig. Result of vote: unanimous.
    - ii. As current treasurer and acting secretary of Folknet on September 23, 2015, I move that current Folknet president, Charles Mosbrook, and current Folknet secretary, Patrick Chrosniak, be added as current signers for the Folknet Chase Checking account. That will mean that William Schilling, current treasurer and acting secretary of Folknet, as well as Michael Harris, current vice-president of Folknet, as well as Charles Mosbrook, current president of Folknet, and Patrick Chrosniak, current secretary of Folknet will be the current signers for the Chase Checking account. Motion made by William Schilling. Second made by Becca Rhoades. Result of vote: unanimous.

**4. Membership:** Mike Harris

- a. 110 current members. One new organizational member in Dale Shirer who is running two contra dances in the Ohio City area.
- b. Membership drive. Charlie received a mandolin that was donated to Folknet that we can offer as a prize in drawing for new/renewed members for Folknet. Other ideas for other prizes would be good - CDs from board members, custom guitar strap, admission to dances, etc.
  - i. Membership drive for November.
- c. Joanna recommended that there be an overhaul of the performers' page.

**5. Calendar:** Larry Bruner (absent)

- a. Becca called all of the "recurring dates" venues to ask if there were any changes. She has been emailing Larry updates so that we can make sure that all of those recurring events are up to date.
- b. Continued discussion about the format and content of the calendar.
- c. Idea floated of if we do some sort of newsletter that we stagger the release so the calendar comes out the first of the month and the newsletter comes out the fifteenth.

**6. Website:** Charlie Mosbrook

- a. New look
  - i. Charlie did an overhaul of the website that folks noted looked really good.
- b. Hack
  - i. The website was hacked. The hack has been corrected and cleaned up. Charlie will remain vigilant looking for any future hacks.
- c. forum
  - i. A forum has been added to the website to help increase member participation in discussions.
- d. Charlie has also handed on website control passwords to several board members
- e. The tech meeting that was planned for earlier this month did not happen. It will be rescheduled - probably with smaller more focused groups.

**7. Open mic discussion:** Charlie Mosbrook

- a. A meeting will be scheduled with Mal (host), Harriett (venue), and Charlie to discuss the open mic. We'll be updated with what happens as a result of the meeting.

**8. Concert series:** Charlie Mosbrook and Joanne Laessig

- a. Andrew Calhoun Sunday November 1st at 7pm at Church of the Good Shepherd
  - i. \$15 for admission, \$12 for Folknet members. Tickets are currently up for sale on the Folknet website.
- b. We will also have a every-other month concert series at Church of the Good Shepherd.
  - i. It's a great location (on Cedar near 271), handicapped accessible, great partnership

**9. Rise again singing:** Charlie Mosbrook

- a. Reached out to Music Box and they are interested in partnering with us for an event in the spring of 2016.

**10. FARM:** Charlie Mosbrook

- a. Room is filling up. It was first offered up to Folknet members and a number of them have signed up. It was offered up to open registration and many folks have been signing up.
- b. Red Brick Rhoades will be representing Folknet at the DJ and Presenters' Showcase as part of the event.
- c. One thing that Folknet board member attendees is that we will be on the lookout for folks to invite to be part of the concert series.

**11. Community Sing**

- a. Seeger Sing-Just returned from a wonderful and very productive meeting with those at the the United Church of Christ at 415 Northfield Rd, Bedford They are more than willing to host the event, be a co-sponsor, they have a place to serve food, and they have a gorgeous sanctuary, with a piano and organ They also have a room for the Cuyahoga River folks should want to set up interactive educational activities, This type of event fits perfectly with their outlook on social concerns, etc. They suggested they are open most Saturdays and Sundays in January and February (it was suggested after 1/23 would be better because of weather), and are also open in March. They also run a food center, and would like to collect non-perishables as well.
- b. Wassails and Whatnot Sunday, December 13th from 2-5pm at Church of the Good Shepherd. This was a great success last year and we're hoping for another great turn out this year.

**12. Workshops:** Kate Kooser

- a. Jenna at the Barking Spider Tavern was definitely up for having workshops - potentially on Saturday or Sunday afternoons.
- b. The new Heights Music Shop would also be a likely place to have workshops (potentially before an open mic).

**13. Dance**

- a. Becca invited Dale Shirer to the board meeting. He is a local dance organizer and has just started a new contra dance in Ohio City on the first and third Wednesdays of the months. We're exploring other ways to partner with local dances to support them how we can.
  - i. It would be a great thing to get more musicians out to the dances to dance.
  - ii. it could also be a great opportunity to explore the possibility of having musician workshops for how to play at a contra dance.
- b. A new facebook group has been started called NEO Contra Dance that will hopefully serve as a clearinghouse for information of the local dances, events, and a way to engage younger folks.

**14. Other Business**

- a. Becca and Red are still exploring the possibility of having a Folksiving celebration.
- b. Need to work on bringing more new people in.

**Adjourned** 9:11pm