

Folknet Full Board Meeting – December 19, 2013

In Attendance: Mallory SanMarco, Bob Sammon, Mike Harris, Bill Schilling, Tom Ball, Ed Ollick, Alma Houston, Bobbie Stone, Jim Stone, Bob Wrobel, Larry Bruner, and Joanne Laessig.

The meeting was called to order by president Alma Houston at 7:11 pm.

The November board meeting minutes were reviewed, and minor corrections were made. Bobbie Stone moved, and Bob Wrobel seconded the motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Passed.

Bob Sammon, acting as interim treasurer, submitted an updated written report. He also reported that the Folknet mail is now being forwarded to his personal PO Box, eliminating the need for someone to go the Shaker Heights to pick up the mail. The official Folknet address will therefore stay the same. He also said that he will talk with some insurance people and get a quote for board member liability coverage.

Bill Schilling made the following written motion, which was seconded by Joanne Laessig. "Whereas Jim Stone is retiring from the Folknet Board and Bobbie Stone is retiring from the Folknet Board, and that each has served for over 13 years on the board and on the executive committee, and that Jim has held offices as president or secretary for all those years, and that Bobbie was the Continuum editor for 11 of those years and has served as vice-president for 2 years, and that both of them have served on various committees and taken various assignments over the years, in light of the invaluable contributions they have made to Folknet, I move that the board express its thanks to them by granting both Jim Stone and Bobbie Stone lifetime memberships to Folknet." The motion passed.

Bill Schilling also made the following written motion: "I move that the newly elected treasurer, president, and/or secretary be authorized to become the new recognized signers for the Folknet checking account, PayPal account, and other accounts and/or matters that might have to do with the finances of Folknet as soon as possible following their election.

Further, I move that while becoming the recognized signers of the Folknet checking account, those new recognized signers be authorized to explore ways to prevent the current monthly bank fees being charged to the account and to implement one of more of the possible solutions if any are found. Some possibilities might include changing the account to a Chase Total Business Account (bank fees start when the account drops below \$1500.00 rather than the current \$5000.00), opening a business credit or debit card, linking the account to someone's personal Chase Private Client Checking or Chase Premier Platinum personal checking account or other solutions." Seconded by Bob Sammon and passed.

Mike Harris moved to authorize continuing the \$200 per month payments for the Folknet Calendar until further action by the board. Motion was seconded by Bob Wrobel and passed.

Bob Sammon then reported that he has been doing research on better ways to handle the membership database. He said the cost could be between \$3.00 to \$50.00 per month, and the calendar could possibly be incorporated into the system. End users may enter their own calendar data, which can be edited by an editor. Such a system can be addressed by PCs, Macs, tablets, phones, etc. He also said that the cost would depend on the number of authorized users, and external users would have access through the Folknet website via a form.

Joanne Laessig said that she wants to look into doing house concerts and the possible insurance or liability implications. She agreed to do further research and report back to the board.

Bill Schilling moved to add termed-out board members Tom Ball and Bill Schilling to be board as honorary members. Motion was seconded by Bob Wrobel, and passed by an acclamation voice vote.

Bill then moved to elect the following nine board members to the executive committee for 2014: Tom Ball, Red Chrosniak, Mike Harris, Joanne Laessig, Charlie Mosbrook, Becca Rhoades, Bob Sammon, Mallory SanMarco, and Bill Schilling. Motion was seconded by Bob Wrobel, and passed by acclamation voice vote.

The following four newly-elected executive committee members volunteered to serve as officers: Bob Sammon,

president; Mallory SanMarco, vice president; Charlie Mosbrook, secretary; and Bill Schilling, treasurer. They were all elected by acclamation voice vote.

The next executive committee meeting was set for January 16, 2014 at Guise Park Lodge.

Jim Stone moved to adjourn at 8:45 pm. The motion was enthusiastically passed, and Jim couldn't stop grinning.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Stone – Former Secretary