

Folknet
January 27 2016

In attendance: Rick Feinberg, Charlie Mosbrook, Becca Rhoades, Red Chrosniak, Joe Troyan, Bill Schilling, Robin Stratton, Mike Harris, Kerry Kean, Joanne Laessig, Larry Bruner

Called to order: 7:12pm

- 1. Opening remarks (Charlie)**
- 2. November Minutes (Red)**
 - a. Minutes were accepted from November.
- 3. Treasurer's report (Bill)**
 - a. Bill updated everyone about the current standing of the accounts.
 - b. Bill also emailed a more detailed summary report for the calendar year 2015.
 - c. Discussion about the online charitable organization info sheet through the attorney general's office.
 - i. This will be at least a day long project to look at what needs to be reported.
 - d. By way of tax preparation stuff we need to complete the 990N with the Feds and complete the info sheet noted above.
- 4. Budget (Bill)**
 - a. We have not yet had a budget meeting yet
 - i. Bill, Mike, Charlie, and Red will figure out a time to do that soon
- 5. Membership (Mike)**
 - a. Holding steady with our memberships
 - i. Working on sending emails out to folks who are coming up on their expiration and a "thank you" for when folks do re-up
 - b. Brainstorming about a membership drive
 - i. figure out ways to publicize
 - ii. pull some other incentives together and then get the word out
 - iii. Committee to look at a membership drive: Kerry, Joanne, Robin
 - iv. March as a target month for the membership drive
 - v. Look at places we can distribute membership information
- 6. Calendar (Larry)**
 - a. We need someone to replace Ed, who is compiling submissions for Lake and Ashtabula county dates.
 - i. Check membership to see who lives out there to see if there is anyone who would be interested in helping.
- 7. Web presence (Charlie)**
 - a. We are maintaining the web presence.
 - b. Keeping the website updated and looking ways to make improvements.
- 8. Board Elections- Executive committee**
 - a. The bard elections and executive committee elections all were finished.
 - b. Bill moved to accept the current named officers for another year. Seconded by Becca. Agreed on unanimously.

- i. President: Charlie
- ii. VP: Mike
- iii. Treasurer: Bill
- iv. Secretary: Red

9. Future Meeting Locations

- a. Currently we have the Highland library in Medina booked for the March date
- b. Need a location for February and from April on.
 - i. Check around Streetsboro and Kent

10. Concert series (Joanne)

- a. Looking at a no-alcohol St. Patrick's Eve (Wednesday March 16th) concert featuring Ballinlock at the Church of the Good Shepherd
 - i. approved to move ahead.
- b. Curtis & Loretta will be doing a house concert tour. Looking at Wednesday April 6th to do a house concert.
 - i. approved to move ahead.

11. MITV and Hale Farm (Mike)

- a. We are on the calendar for July 9th and 10th
- b. Pretty much the same deal as last year
 - i. Doing it concurrently with the wine festival and hopefully extending the hours to hopefully draw more folks.
 - ii. Hoping to do the music pavilion by the wine tasting again

12. Open mic (Charlie)

- a. The open mic at Loganberry is transitioning to all original and traditional (public domain) music for performers.

13. Dance (Becca)

- a. Working at working with a small group of dancers/organizers to look at having a partnership for a Folknet dance
 - i. The group could help with organizing and scheduling dances - we could provide organizational support (basically forming a dancing committee)
 - ii. Hoping to fill holes left in the dance calendar because of changes that have happened over the last year.
 - iii. Work on putting a proposal together for this partnership to present before the budget committee meets.

14. Community Sing- River of song February 27 (Rick)

- a. We are a month away
- b. Scott is working on finalizing details.
- c. Fliers have been made, press release was sent out, info is posted on the website

15. Workshops- wrapup and future ideas

- a. The workshop with Jim Kozel at Heights Music was well attended and went well.
- b. Kerry has volunteered to lead a workshop looking at chord progressions and a little bit of music theory - possibly at a Kent area location and maybe in April

16. Planning meeting?

- a. Last year we had a planning meeting in March.

- b. Look at Saturday February 20th as an option - probably starting around 10am.
- 17. Other Business**

Adjourned: 9:16pm