

Blues Society of Western PA  
Annual General Membership Meeting  
Moondog's  
378 Freeport Road, Blawnox, PA  
June 9, 2019

**In Attendance:** Jim Hamel, Bill Gabriel, John Delleara, Spike Miller, Laura DiMuzio, Tuck Majeran, Cyndi Fink, Barbara Gangone, Dave Zilch, Deborah Maguire, Howard Faigan, Mary Faigan, Jonnye Weber

**Election:** Terry O'Brien, election coordinator, sent word that no one submitted nominations for the election. The current officers are still in effect for 2019 -2020.

**Officers:**

President...Jonnye Weber

Vice President... Tuck Majeran

Treasurer/Webmaster...Cyndi Fink

Membership Secretary... Barbara Gangone

Secretary.... Sue Mayer has been nominated and elected to the position of Secretary. The acting Secretary, Ellie Gabriel, sent word that she was stepping down due to health concerns. We thank her for her service.

**Board members:**

Jim Hamel

Cheryl Rinovato

Spike Miller

Laura DiMuzio – Grant writer

Alison Mulvaney

**Membership:** Ongoing efforts to gain and retain membership.

**Treasurer:** Accidently, this portion of meeting was overlooked. We are in the black and all the bills are paid. The annual budget is in place.

**Veterans:** Jim Hamel said that he and Jerry Coyne will be working on the next quarterly visit. Jerry sent word that he suggested that an entire band do the event vs. a jam so that everyone knows the music.

**Newsletter:** Next publication will be in July. Help is needed with submissions. CD reviews of 250 words or less would be desirable. Articles would also be helpful. We have gotten great reviews on newsletter.

**Blues in the Schools:** Laura said that a new student will be sent in the fall to the For those about to Rock Academy and that we still have a credit left to use. Thinking out of the box, other opportunities will be explored: after school projects, etc. The song writing series this past spring was a success.

**Harptober Fest:** Charlie Barath is now the coordinator of the annual Harp show. This year: Club Café, Saturday, October 12. All musicians will be paid. Cover at door. Scheduled so far: Marc Reisman and Dr. Blue.

**CD Release party:** Sunday, October 20 at the Cornerstone at Tonidale. Players on Blues from the Burgh 5 will be asked to participate. Time length of sets will be determined on how many join the lineup for the day. Backline will be provided. Sponsors and donations will be needed to off set the costs of the day. The food issues at the venue have been addressed and timeliness improvements are being worked on.

**Major needs at the moment:** volunteers who commit to working an event or fests and sponsors to enable projects.

**New Year's Eve:** Now available online for purchase. Book room early. Buy Ticket. If there are more than 3 in the party, please let us know to better plan the seating.

**Grants:** Laura, our grant writer, reported that Citizens just refused our request for funding.

**Blues Calendar:** Now being done by John Delleara...and doing a great job with update and ongoing tweaking.

**Business:**

- A motion was made, seconded and carried to donate \$300 to Franklin fest. The Franklin Fest donates their proceeds to enable music school projects in the Franklin school district.
- A motion was made, seconded and carried to donate \$450 to the Pittsburgh Blues and Roots fest whose purpose is to raise funds for young people aging out of the Autism system and are in need of vocational skills and musical opportunities.

Those in attendance were asked if new business or concerns were to be addressed.

Meeting adjourned.