

Black Swamp Blues Society Meeting Minutes 1-31-2010

Nick & Jimmy's Toledo, Ohio

5:00 PM

Call to Order – President Kujawa

Roll Call of Officers – President LaVonne Kujawa – Present

Vice President Al Dewey – Present

Secretary Tom Davis – Present

Minutes of Last Meeting - Read an approved

Treasurer's Report - Beginning Balance - \$4045.89

Total Deposits - 4453.00

Expenses - 3180.17

Year End Balance - \$5,319.72

Unfinished Business - Discussion about a review of the by-laws and possible changes

Motion by Bruce Combs to have the executive committee review the by-laws list changes if any and bring it back to the membership for a vote at a later meeting.

Motion seconded by Terri Curley

Motion passed

New Business:

Black History Month sponsored by Monroe County Library in Monroe, Michigan BSBS paid \$250.00 to support this. We can set up a table and sell our merchandise at events. There was discussion about what merchandise to sell like flashing novelty guitars, guitar picks, pillows with musical designs etc. Bill Hultz made a motion we do this and get volunteers to work the merchandise table. Motion seconded by Jane Combs– Motion carried. The following volunteered to work this: Mike & Terri Curley / Al Dewey & Brenda Davis/Doreen Robideaux. Anyone else interesting in helping is welcome.

Blues Challenge 2010 – Maumee Theater can be booked for Saturday October 23rd 2010 for the event.

Rolly Hough made a motion to book this date and venue – second by Terri Curley – motion passed.

Discussion was had about the tee Shirt design for the 2010 Blues Challenge. Dave Gierke from the Toledo School of Arts has talked with LaVonne and said the Toledo School of Arts students could do this as an after school project / contest. Al Dewey suggested we could just use the old design. After some discussion Bill Hultz made a motion that the 2010 Blues Challenge tee shirt design be done by BSBS members – Al Dewey seconded the motion. Discussion was about members interested in offering a design need to get it to LaVonne by a deadline of June 13th 2010. The motion was voted on and passed.

Lavonne read a letter from Dave Gierke that BSBS and the Toledo School of Arts should work closer together for the benefit of all. Doreen suggested we invite Dave to a BSBA meeting and we can discuss this further. All in all the membership thought this would be a good idea to get TSA and BSBS closer.

Tom Davis contacted Tab Benoit's agent about booking him. He is currently out of our price range. Tom also has spoken with Bill Wharton who uses the stage name "The Sauce Boss". Bill is out of Florida and has performed in the Toledo area before. A number of members present have seen his act. Wharton will be in our area mid April. Wharton has a 501 (3) (C) foundation called *Planet Gumbo* that is about feeding the homeless. Wharton has proposed coming to Toledo on Thursday April 15th and giving a free show for the homeless and feeding them gumbo and then doing a public show for us on Friday April 16th. He is more in our price range. Doreen made a motion to try and book The Sauce Boss if the price and expenses can be worked out. Rolly seconded the motion – motion passed. LaVonne will check on the small hall at Maumee Theater for the Sauce Boss show. Rolly will check on the Crown Hotel for the show. They will compare notes when they get the respective venue facts.

May – Is the Claire's Day event on the grounds at the Maumee Library. BSBS has been involved with this before presenting our Blues in the Schools program - LaVonne explained BSBS past involvement. Mike Curley made a motion that Doreen handle this and be given the authority to make any decisions, seconded by Terri – motion passed.

June – There is going to be a Blues Festival at Centennial Terrace on June 19th with the NW Ohio Food Bank and they have asked us to assist. LaVonne will be working with them. Local acts will perform along with currently unsigned National Act(s). The Food Bank is working on a major cooperate sponsor to underwrite the event. More on this can be expected in the BSBS newsletter.

Note to members: due to this Blues Festival event the Blues River Cruise will be moved to Saturday June 12th 2010.

BSBS meetings in 2010 will be on Sundays at 5:00 PM on the following dates: April 11th / June 13th / August 8th / October 10. The membership would like to have them all at DeSimone's Lounge, 1633 W Laksey Road, Toledo. Rolly will check with Ray to make sure this is OK.

Discussion about a BSBS Holiday party – issue tabled at this time.

LaVonne advised we have lost our host for our web site. We can get this corrected thru Go-Daddy for \$25.00. Al made a motion to go ahead and get this done – second by Bill – motion passed – Jackie will handle getting it done.

Good of the Order

There will be a fund raiser for the victims of the earthquake in Haiti at the Toledo Civic Center on Feb 13th

Tuesday night jam at the Bluebird with Buzz Anderson and Thursday nights jam at Longhorn with Johnny Reed providing the backline.

Mudfoot and others will be doing a show at Hines Farm on Feb 13th

Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Bill – 2nd by Terri – motion passed.

Tom Davis

Secretary