

PCBS - 12/14/23 Meeting Minutes

Po' Boys – 5:30 pm

Music at 6:00 – Joe Asselin

– Congrats to Joe won WCBS IBC Solo/Duo, compete in Memphis **representing Windy City Blues Society** in January

– **Took up a collection to help Joe with expenses in Memphis. The PCBS members in attendance made cash donations plus PCBS unanimously voted to donate \$200 from treasury.**

Attendees: Bob Paleczny, Greg Altstetter, Zack Widup, Mike Ball, David Adcock, Jesse Howell, Sandra Darby, Lori Coey, Candy Foster, and Kandra Miller

Last month's Minutes – online; congrats to Kandra unanimous re-election

http://www.prairiecrossroadsblues.org/minutes/2023-11-09_PCBS_Meeting_Minutes.pdf

Membership Report - Mike

-1 new membership via PayPal, Reuben Brown

Finance – Zack reported not much happening right now

-Total assets as of 12/14/23 \$12,385.11 (Assets earmarked education: \$1,036.89); Income received since last report \$20; Expenses paid since last report: To Bob P for Blues Foundation membership \$125

Memphis IBC - 1/16/24 - 1/20/24:

-\$125 for pass (Tuesday is free; Wednesday through Sunday)

-Bob and Mike plan to attend

2024 PCBS Blues Fest - partner with UPD for Saturday? (same 2nd Sat in Aug?)

Schedule meeting with Janet UPD

VIP area with alcohol – advance sales?

Urbana Arts Grants - David A –

– due date was sometime in April – **Different time line; Now due in April**

-Grant Writing Workshop - BITS/Blues Fest-Suggests to Combine Education with Fest = Stronger Grant – Level II = \$3K to \$5K

-Need Headliners signed by January, 2024

UPD Bob

-Action item: Schedule meeting Janet @UPD on Tuesday, 12/19/23 at 2:30 p.m. to meet with Bob/Greg/David

-Need generator

-Steve McQueen for sound? Charged \$1,000 in 2023; Dustin Norder has worked with UPD

-Beer Tent - VIP area to sell beer; Action item - Need to check with Mayor's office; Need fencing; Beer Wagon;

-UPD has stage 16' X 20'

-Insurance?

-Need Porta Potties?

BITS – Dr. Preston Williams School – Urbana – Friday 10/13

Thanks - Aaron “aTrain” Wilson, Andrew Duncanson, Bishop Lawton & Joe Asselin

Thanks to Urbana Public Arts, Students Thanks on website – Education Page

2 Urbana schools in discussion on dates - February '24

Boomerang's Jam – attendance was better (Andy & Joe) - Thurs 12/28

Sunday Jam – 3rd Sunday – Mel hosting - future Jams at Pipa's - 12/17

- Coat Drive this Sunday at Pipa's 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

Open Mic Night – Daly's Sports Bar – Philo – 1st Thurs. each month – Cliff Stoker

What can we do to attract new members and retain existing members?

- Discounts at Bunny's, Po' Boys, Exile, Alto Vineyards – New music venues**

Lots of music in the area

Buddy Guy – Virginia Theater – rescheduled Wednesday 6/26/24

Respectfully submitted: Kandra Miller, PCBS Secretary