

PCBS Agenda - 3/13/25 Meeting
Po' Boy's – 5:30 pm
Andy & Friends @ 6:30

Attendees: Bob Paleczny; Zack Widup; Mike Ball; Jesse Howell; Sandra Darby; Marianne Whitacre; Lorri Coey; Randy Eagan; Kandra Miller

Last month's Minutes

https://www.prairiecrossroadsblues.org/minutes/2025_02_13_PCBS_Meeting_Minutes.pdf

Membership Report – Mike

– emails to folks who have paid ahead? Remove multi-year membership option to avoid confusion?

-Will mark the dates and not send renewal notices

Bob – get back to 2 emails/month to all members Post at least once a week to Facebook, add Instagram

Treasurer's Report – Zack

-No activity since February, 2025

-Assets as of 3/13/25 = \$13,902.91 (Assets earmarked education \$686.98)

BITS – Marianne

-No response from Kenwood or Stratton in Champaign How about Urbana schools?

-Marianne knows the music teacher at Stratton, a 1-hour assembly may be planned. Asked if a stipend could be offered? Or an after school session? Need money to pay 1 instructor, Bishop Lawton and 3 musicians

-Bob asked Marianne to contact the schools for possible dates and assembly or instruction proposals

Plans for 2025 PCBS Blues Fest

– Urbana, 1 day or 2 days? **Membership agreed to have the Fest in Urbana for 2 days, the first day featuring a jam and host band, Painkillers; the second day the featured bands. Discussion included suggestions of more local bands/early listing of contracted bands; shorter schedule-end before 10:00pm; more marketing/advertising.**

-David Adcock said at February meeting, he will contact Ben at Bunny's to assure PCBS may hold Fest and of the dates.

-Jesse to check on stage availability

-TJ Blakeman Champaign – 1st & last Saturdays, stage North near Main St. **Per Bob, each month on Market Street**

Blues Jam? – Winston's in Sidney?

-Will occur First Sunday in May at 4pm; Do they have a Host Band?

Summer picnic – In a park – June?? **Bob-Any interest in a recruiting event for membership at Crystal Lake/Centennial/Hessel Park?**

Reprint 1st shirts? Preserve, Promote, Educate, it's all about the Blues

Blues Foundation Bricks for Blues – entrance to building sorry Bob dropped the ball on this, will look into it soon

Tribute to Chess Records – Ther'Up.Y - Saturday 3/15 – Rose Bowl How do we attract more members? –

Meeting Adjourned at 6:30pm Respectfully submitted, Kandra Miller, Secretary PCBS