

**BSO Meeting - Present:** Mark Grubbs, Mary Elofson, Terry O Halloran, Glenn Bauer, Sid Sidner, Jay Anderson, Terry Sedivy, Steve Keith, Susan Keith, Nancy Walsh, Michael Klein, Richard Allen, Steve Krueger, Lisa Krueger, Bonnie Mercer; guests - Dan Cerveny, Tammy Trahan

**BSO MEETING AGENDA:**

**1. Review dates for 2020 Quarterly Leadership Meetings: May 2, August 22 (changed from Aug.8), November 14**

**Discuss plans for BSO General Meeting: Sunday, April 19**

\*General Meeting - Terry S will check with the Stocks & Bonds (to see if it can be held there), check on a possible musician or band for event, & let Lisa Krueger know

\*Mary, Lisa, Bonnie & Terry S will help organize the meeting event (organizational meeting in April - per Lisa)

**2. Guest Dan Cerveny with Omaha Musician's Association to briefly share musician assistance information**

\*Dan discussed a situation that required support from the OMA to help with a payment dispute & said they can help with disputes involving musicians (whether members of the union or not)

\*\$150 per year for membership: [omahamusic.com](http://omahamusic.com); about 80,000 members in North America, about 275 currently in Omaha

\*OMA sponsors Music in the Park (Bellevue, Rockbrook, Stinson, 1st Nat'l Bank, Jazz on the Green, Council Bluffs, etc.), Taste of Omaha & more

**3. Membership - Susan Keith to provide update**

\*750 members

\*Gained 38 new members at quarterly Member Appreciation Shows

\*The next Member Appreciation Show will be April 30 with James Armstrong.

#### **4. Financial Review - Steve Sidner/Terry O to provide update**

\*Quarterly update & annual report: Receipts (\$126,383.35), Disbursements (\$127,067.33), Net Loss (-\$683.98)

\*Total assets - 12/31/19 - \$29,284.85

#### **5. BSO Website - Steve Sidner to provide update**

\*Still in need of volunteer help - Richard Allen may have someone to help & will reach out

\*Bar code system that BSO purchased - cost about \$550; will not need to take perpetual inventory & it's faster; paypal connects to this system; costs \$20 per month

#### **6. Blues Ed - Treasurer, Michael Klein to provide update**

\*Balance/income - \$30,000 in assets; \$10,000 in checking

\*Increased tuition from \$275 to \$350 and not having fundraising events to simplify things for parents

\*BluesEd now also has a corporate sponsorship person \*Clinicians were given a raise from \$75/hr to \$85/hr.

\*BluesEd will decide soon if they will participate in "Omaha Gives" and let Nancy know in case BSO wants to participate

\*IBC went well

\*Open ended about BluesEd continuing to be designated recipient of a share of bucket funds collected at Playing with Fire performances – the duties of collection have been challenging.

\*Workshops & Clinics ongoing - will pay clinicians a bit more - up to \$85

\*Auditions - Feb. 23, Blues Ed @ Holland Center; 15-19 openings anticipated (12 members have graduated, 3 not returning)

\*Performance Showcase - June 28 @ Slowdown & Finale tentatively Aug. 2 @ Waiting Room

#### **7. BSO & Other Linoma Related Events - Terry Sedivy to provide update**

- Thursday, April 9 opening / other Thursday, FAC and special shows
- Quarterly Membership Appreciation Shows including next event April 30
  - Venue updates - catch 22 concerning complaints...
  - Riverfront Blues Festival (May 24) - Tammy Trahan will help
  - BSO will hire John Tanner to work the entrance gate.
  - In the Market for Blues Festival - Tammy Trahan will help organizational meeting Feb. 22 @ Kruegers
  - OPA update and possible collaboration - checking on courtyard use for In the Market for the Blues
  - Other possible collaborations - Soaring Wings Blues Festival in Springfield - June 6; The Highlander, for future options
- \*It was suggested that Stocks & Bonds should turn on their heat earlier in the day to warm the room
- \*Suggestion regarding The Jewell - we should relay their ticket sales/seating logistics in the newsletter

**8. BSO Volunteers - Steve & Lisa Krueger to provide update**

\*In the Market for the Blues volunteers - Kruegers keeping in touch for upcoming meetings & plan (see meeting date above)

**9. BSO Newsletter / Advertising - Jay Anderson to provide update**

\*Include - write-ups on IBC: BluesEd & attendees reports & impressions (Michael Klein will coordinate with Jay)

**10. General Liability Policy/Protection for BSO Board of Directors - Lisa Krueger to provide update**

\*Lisa will contact Blues Ed's insurance contact for potential coverage & also Dan Cerveny about potential policy information

**11. BSO Merch - Vee Anderson to provide update:** absent  
 \*Vee was absent from the meeting but relayed need for contact and timeline for FB post on new shirts and merch

\*Terry O to visit with Vee

\*Discussed team approach for merch - Steve Keith offered to help

## **12. Review of any Key Volunteer Positions Open**

\*Nebraska Blues Challenge coordinator needed - Mark G will check with Ben Baldwin

\*Fall date for Blues Challenge - early October (?)

\*"Submit for consideration CD" for BSO promotion in newsletter and on social media to choose CD

**Meeting Adjourned**