

MEMPHIS AREA BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION  
MEMBERS MEETING  
December 12, 2009



President Harry McLellan called the meeting to order at 11:00 am. at Hope Presbyterian Church

A total of 15 MABA members were present.

Secretary's Report: (Bob Waters) November minutes approved with corrections.  
MABA will welcome Dianna Ford as our new MABA Secretary for 2010.

Treasurer's Report: (Larry Bomar)

Larry gave the treasurer's report for the month of November that included our current balance, deposits (funds transferred from PayPal for membership dues for November and from Shelby Farms), and checks that included one check written to the University of Tennessee Health Science Center for printing of two past issues of NewsGrass. Larry will get past financial reports from former MABA treasurer, Karen Clark. Larry renewed our MABA mailbox for the coming year.

Larry indicated that MABA is in good financial shape.

Clay Caver will be the new MABA treasurer for 2010.

[Larry to clarify: MABA is still looking for a check from Shelby Farms for compensation of MABA bands]

*Communications* (Karen Clark)

Yahoo News Group – (Mike Albert) no report

Website – (Chuck Clark) No report

PayPal is working.

NewsGrass – (Karen Clark) no report

The December issue of NewsGrass will be running late.

*Activities* – (Gordon Jones and John Gay)

—Potluck dinner will be held on March 6<sup>th</sup> at Woodland Presbyterian Church. John Gay will get the signed request form to Woodland.

*Regulatory* – (James Johnson; Wayne Walker and Peter Smith) no report

*Membership* – (Gordon Jones) no report

*Education* – () no report

Dianna Ford will take over as MABA Education officer for 2010.

*GRASS* – (TBA) no report

*Lucy Opry* – () no report

IIIrd Tyme Out will headline the May Bluegrass Picnic at Bartlett Performing Arts Center.

*Welcoming/Caring* – Loyce Smith, Jo Edith & James Hudson, Erna Wheeley

One card was sent to MABA member, Bob Barnett, for November.

New Business:

Peter Smith has been negotiating with Frank Ray and Cedar Hill to be the featured band at the MABA sponsored bluegrass festival in Williston. Harry has also received 40+ e-mails from groups that would like to play at Williston in 2010. Peter Smith made a motion that MABA contract with Frank Ray and Cedar Hill to play two shows at the Williston Festival on June 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, and the motion was passed.

Some interest was raised in getting MABA involved with the Folk Alliance which will have their International Conference on February 17-21<sup>st</sup> in Memphis. Consensus was that it was too late this year for MABA to have a booth at the festival.

MABA's grand master of ceremonies, Larry Bomar, is back on the air at 96.1 FM ("The Pig") on Saturday mornings at 7-9 am.

Annual MABA Awards meeting will be held at Bob Waters' home on January 6<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, at 7:00 pm.

Future MABA members meetings will be held on the second Saturday of month, 11:00 am at Hope Presbyterian Church.

Harry McLellan adjourned the meeting at 12:02 pm.

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Meeting notes taken by Bob Waters.