

MEMPHIS AREA BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION  
MEMBERS MEETING  
March 8, 2008



President Wayne Walker called the meeting to order at 11:01 am.

A total of 7 members were present. (Secretary's note – the low number of attendees was the result of the snowy weather conditions on the day of the meeting.)

Secretary's Report: (Bob Waters) – February minutes were unavailable and will be reviewed at the April meeting.

Treasurer's Report: (Ed Richter) no report

Committee Reports:

*Communications* (Dale Franklin) no report

Yahoo News Group – (Mike Albert) no report

Website – (Phil Pickens) no report

NewsGrass – (Dale Franklin) no report

Peter Smith remarked that Clinton Publishing did a good job on NewsGrass.

*Activities* – Gordon Jones and John Gay

The Annual PotLuck dinner was not well attended, but it was a lot of fun and the food was delicious. Thanks to all MABA bands that participated at the dinner.

Harry McLellan provided an update on the Williston Festival to be held on June 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. A flyer has been drafted by John Gay's daughter and will be circulated via e-mail for approval by MABA members. Harry is working on getting MABA members signed up for various committees (work at MABA tables, set-up, clean-up). Vendors have been picked out. Mark Holder has been hired to do the sound.

Jim Phillips has lined up 9 bands (one hour slots) to play at the festival.

John Gay will handle publicity; John noted that he was particularly looking for younger bands.

Larry Bomar will emcee the festival.

T-shirts will be handled by Bob Barnett.

Earth Days will be held at Shelby Farms on April 20<sup>th</sup> and they would like MABA bands to participate. A stage and sound system will be available. The festival

promotes environment awareness. MABA doesn't want to get saddled with political causes, but the ideas behind Earth Day are important and MABA members.

A motion was made and seconded by MABA members for MABA bands to participate in the Earth Days celebration.

*Regulatory* – (James Johnson) no report

*Membership* – (Gordon Jones)

*Education* – Jennifer Eggers (no report)

*GRASS* – (Al Gallarno) no report

*Lucy Opry* – (no report)

Lucy Opry show for tonight (March 8<sup>th</sup>) was cancelled because of inclement weather.

*Welcoming/Caring* – Loyce Smith, Jo Edith & James Hudson, Erna Wheeley  
Loyce reported that one card was sent out this month.

New Business:

MABA will move to Hope Presbyterian Church on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Hope has made four rooms available on a yearly basis. There will also be opportunities to recruit new MABA members.

President Walker adjourned the meeting at 11:52 am.

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Meeting notes taken by Bob Waters.