

WJMB ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
Meeting Minutes (Unapproved)
Saturday, July 12, 2008
Niles Masonic Center, Niles, OH

The regular meeting of the WJMB Alumni Association was called to order at 2:10 pm on May 12, 2008 by President Jim Cunningham.

Attendees:

Jim Cunningham
Wendy Mundell

The minutes of the previous meeting and the current agenda were unanimously approved as distributed.

Financial update:

Bank balance is now \$943.92 (taken from the June bank statement). A deposit in June of checks collected either at the picnic or sent to the PO Box was \$680.00. The deposit included a \$500 donation (includes \$20 towards annual membership dues) from alumnus Chuck Dutcher of Snowflake, AZ. Jim has been in contact with him and thanked him for his generosity. No receipts have been turned in for reimbursement from the picnic. The PO Box fee is now due by the end of July since we only rented it for 6 months. The 6 month fee is \$29.00 and the annual fee is \$58.00. We will go ahead and pay the annual fee this time.

Membership update:

We now have a total of 385 records in the alumni database. Of those, 98 alumni records were added between 5/10/08 and 7/11/08.

Of the 385 total:

297 have mailing addresses

202 have at least an email address (10 are only email addresses with no name)

In late May – early June, Mike Ceci sent our nearly 400 extra postcard picnic announcements to additional addresses that he found. Most of those have not been added into the alumni database.

There will be no update from the band at this time since we believe they are currently on tour (it is unclear if the tour was cancelled). The next band board meeting is scheduled for Sunday August 24th. Jim is planning to attend that meeting. Any additional information can be found on the band's website. www.wjmb.org

A discussion of the Bylaws was held off again until the next meeting.

Picnic review:

By all accounts the picnic in June was a great success. Jim suggested that next year we should consider some sort of announcement system. We need to print a formal thank you to Russ Beatty and his wife and Mike and Holly Ceci for the great work they did at the picnic. Jim would like to check out Argus Park on Shields Road

in Canfield for next year's picnic. There is a large pavilion with an attached kitchen area and restrooms along with a playground and small camping area. The rent for the entire day would be around \$100. Camping may be allowed also. We would need to decide on a couple of dates to work with for June 2009 by around November. The summer dates book quick.

Squire/WJMB Memorabilia:

Janne Hurrelbrink-Bias was in contact with Holly and Mike Ceci about a storage area she has been renting for several years that contains much of Squire's old band items. She offered to donate the items to the alumni association if we were interested and then we could rent the storage area ourselves. Jim and Russ Beatty have been in contact with her concerning this and said that we were interested in the items (specific items are unknown at this time). Janne said she would likely be getting into the storage facility sometime in August and that she would contact the association again at that time. Jim believes that the association *may* be able to store the items in a storage room at the Masonic Lodge in Niles. A room next to the storage area could be used for sorting and cataloging of the items. The rent would likely be around \$20 per month (versus \$50/month that Janne is currently paying). He is waiting to find out if the area is approved for our use. We would like to check out any local museums, Packard Music Hall and any local historical societies about a possible display of these items once we know what we have.

In the future, Jim would like to discuss a possible band festival of some sort perhaps at the Warren Amphitheater and sponsored by the alumni association. We would need to find alumni experienced in organizing this type of event, but it would be good for promoting the association and music programs in general.

Newsletter update:

We would like to start working on the next newsletter soon and try to get it out by around late July – early August. We will need picnic attendees to submit photos that could be used for either the newsletter and/or the website. Photos can be submitted via email to info@wjmbalumni.org and also sent by mail to PO Box 291 in Niles. If photos are sent by mail, the alumnus will need to specify if the photos need to be returned.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm by Jim Cunningham. The next meeting will be at 2:00 on July 12, 2008 at the same location.

Minutes submitted by: Wendy Mundell