



The Southeast Rag



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2020 -2021 Chapter Officers:

Chair: Jack Hostetler
Vice Chair: Jim Kracht
Secretary: Julie Morlock
Treasurer: Clay Witt PRO TEMP
Chair Emeritus: Mary Ellen Myers

Committee Leaders:

Librarian: Wayne Finger
Membership: Julie Morlock
Newsletter: Mary-Ann Hostetler
Reporter: Howard Sanford
Webmaster: Clay Witt

The Christmas show in The Villages will be the weekend before Christmas.

Chairpersons' Message:



Our first Chapter Meeting in 2021 was held March 19, 2021, using the ZOOM virtual meeting system. It went well, with only a couple of us having trouble joining or staying in the meeting. The business meeting was followed by a tour of Wayne Finger's collection. Looks like we will be using this Virtual method for Chapter meetings for most of 2021, till the Pandemic is under control. The virtual meetings will need to be a little bit longer, before touring a collection, to allow time for attendees to make comments, ask questions and receive answers. The tours will be special. And in December, we will present our 8th annual Christmas Show in The Villages, this time back at the Eisenhower Recreation Center,

Chapter Chair
Jack Hostetler

Upcoming Chapter Events.

Virtual Chapter Meeting with tour on May 20, by Cotton Morlock.

71st MBSI Annual Meeting, Aug.30 – Sept 4, Fort Myers

8th Annual Christmas Show, Villages, Dec. 17-19. Jack Hostetler

Chapter Meeting (by Julie Morlock)



The virtual winter business meeting of the Southeast Chapter was called to order at 7:00 pm on March 19, 2021 by Chair Jack Hostetler. Membership Report: Jack Hostetler reported a new member (Bill Kearns). Julie Morlock reported that there were currently 99 chapter memberships; only 14 owed dues for 2021. Julie noted that since the last business meeting, two members had passed away (Diane Yates and Bill Morrison). A motion was made and approved to send a donation of \$75.00 per person to the Endowment Fund in their memory.

Minutes: A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, held virtually on October 24, 2020 as printed in the last issue of The Southeast Rag.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Clay Witt reported that we have not had a lot of expenditures due to the COVID lockdown and our only income has been from dues. The chapter has assets totaling \$12,635.44; with an income of \$292.00 and expenses of \$301.25, we show a loss of \$9.25 so far this year. We are a little over budget on table favor inventory and will have to address that in the future.

Library Report: Wayne Finger reported that there were currently no overdue books, and that Bill Zaiser will be taking over in the fall.

Newsletter: Jack Hostetler asked if it was necessary to produce a newsletter; Julie Morlock said yes, as we needed to send out minutes to the chapter for approval.

Unfinished Business: Marilou van Zanten asked for confirmation that a donation had been made in honor of George Fryer (and anyone else that had passed away in the last year and a half); Clay Witt said he will check on that.

New Business:

Future Meetings: Jack Hostetler led a discussion as to whether future meetings should continue to be held virtually or in person. Discussion followed. It was decided to continue with virtual meetings until the end of the year. Jack then asked if we needed a chapter member who can serve as our Zoom host/technician? Wayne Finger suggested the tour host run the Zoom meeting, or possibly contacting Marie Beemish (who acts as remote host for COAA). Jack also pointed out that we must have a chapter meeting sometime in October or November in order to elect a new chapter chair; he is currently serving his third year as chair. He will check with Vice Chair Jim Kracht to see if he would be willing to move up to Chair. Jack discussed plans for the 8th annual Holiday Exhibit at The Villages, scheduled for December 17th - 19th, 2021, and asked Ron Bopp if he would be able to provide outdoor organ music for the event.

Vice Chair Jim Kracht is planning a virtual collection tour of Cotton and Julie Morlock's collection on May 20, 2021 at 7:30 pm. He is working on two additional virtual meetings/tours, possibly in July and October, and hopes to go to live meetings after that; we have the Annual Meeting in September.

Mary Ellen Myers asked about meeting at the convention hotel for planning purposes. Discussion followed that a chapter meeting was not necessary at this point, we just need meeting committee chairs to do a quick walk through of the hotel to decide how best to utilize the meeting rooms and hotel.

2021 Annual Meeting: Mark Yaffe reported that the registration materials were almost done, and the food and bus tours were taken care of; we still need to work out minor details like AV and mart issues, and we need volunteers to help with various committees (bus tours, workshops, registration, etc.). We are waiting for final approval from the Trustees, then we can request volunteers. Wayne Finger noted that the Trustees would meet the following day and were waiting for our chapter to say we wanted to proceed with the meeting. Mark said he thought the meeting should happen; it would be good for the chapter and for MBSI as a whole, and felt that waiting another year to hold the meeting would be bad for the organization. A motion was made and seconded to move ahead with the meeting. Mary Ellen Myers expressed concern that we needed address COVID protocols and tweak certain aspects of the meeting to make members feel safe while attending the meeting and possibly save money. The motion to inform the Trustees that the chapter wished to proceed with the meeting was approved.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned



The Web Corner

By Clay Witt, Chapter Webmaster

I am so happy to see the Spring/Summer season arrive here in Florida at last, with lots of warm sunny weather and lingering days and some hope that we are on our way out of pandemic darkness. It has been a bleak time in many respects, but as the good book says, “Weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning”.

The weather is not the only thing that has been brightening up! As most of you know, our chapter is going to be hosting the MBSI Annual meeting toward the end of this summer. We have been a bit on pins and needles. Will we be able to have the meeting or will another year go by because of the pandemic without one? At its March meeting the MBSI Board of Trustees decided it looks highly likely we will be out of the woods by then and voted to proceed. Yee! That being the case, there is now a special chapter-hosted website devoted to the meeting. You can find it at www.mbsi2021.org.

We will update the information there from time to time to keep you up-to-date about what is going on.

Things have been quiet at our regular chapter website at www.mbsise.org as we have not been able to have our enjoyable in-person chapter meetings for some time. My hope is that it won't be long before that changes too and we are having meetings again, with lots of pictures from them to share on our website.



Library Report by Dr. Wayne Finger-Librarian

"Your chapter library is active and has some great books available for you. There are currently 68 books available for checkout. No books are out or overdue. Bill Zaiser will be taking over in the fall.

Please visit the chapter webpage for a complete list of the books available for checkout. To check a book out, just email the librarian from the webpage. The books are mailed to you at no charge. You return them by mail or at a chapter meeting."

Welcome new member:

William Kearns
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Tampa, FL 3361
813-264-5921
kearns.william@gmail.com

Change of address

David & Sharon Leiman
121 Abundance Drive
Palm Beach Gardens, FL. 33410

Dr Wayne Finger Collection Tour



Shown are the Seeburg L, Seeburg KT Special



**Shown are the Maestro Automatic Banjo, Mills Violano Virtuoso,
Station Cylinder Music Box and Regina 27" Orchestral disc music box.**

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