

MINUTES OF THE PHILIPSTOWN DEPOT BOARD  
MEETING

Saturday April 4, 2020

Virtual Meeting using ZOOM

Present: Steve Ives, President, Sheila Rauch, Chris Nowak, Gerry Springer, Byron Stinson, Kathy Plummer, Jack Goldstein, Claudio Marzollo

Not Present: Terry Turner

Also Present: Amy Dul, Executive Director, Nancy Swann,  
Artistic Director

Because of Corona Virus restrictions the board was unable to gather in person and this meeting was held by the use of Zoom technology.

The Philipstown Depot Theatre Board Meeting was called to order by Steve Ives, President, at 9:35 AM on Saturday April 4, 2020.

A motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting was made, seconded, and passed.

Steve Ives announced that the Finance Committee had met to review the present financial situation presented by the shutdown of the theater due to the Corona Virus Pandemic and to be clear about how to proceed through the month of June and through the end of the year. Byron Stinson said that we could continue to cover basic costs for six months without revenue.

Amy Dul introduced a discussion of how to proceed with the purchase and installation project of new lighting that was to have been done at this time. After discussion of the implications of a

closed theater, the loss of income, and the uncertainty of the immediate future, it was agreed to defer a decision for three months on ordering and installing lighting. We should do planning but not purchasing for now.

The areas for planning are: Lighting, Curtains, Booth Upgrade, Kids Playbill, Exterior Lighting, Showcases outside on the three Windows, and Stairway. Claudio Marzollo noted that some of these projects require social distancing.

Amy Dul reported on the changes due to closed performances. Two of the Six FLIPSIDE offerings have been postponed. Storytelling is rescheduled for June 13 and Blind Visionaries will be rescheduled for late September. The Arey Theater One Acts which were slated for early April and Depot Docs, Crime and Punishment are both cancelled. Timothy Haskell's Halloween Immersive Theater is still scheduled for Halloween, with hopes it could take place.

Nancy Swann reported that she has postponed the rights for MORNINGS AT SEVEN with hopes to reschedule for February 2021. Nancy reported that Julie Heckert suggested opening streaming content on the website. Possibilities for this are underway with Ned Rauch, Jack Goldstein, Christine Bokhour, Amy Dulf, and herself all engaged. Some archived pieces we cannot stream because of script rights. Already Christie Bokhour has worked with the kids to put up short pieces and monologues. James Lewellyn has completed something from Richard III and Kathryn Lighter has completed something from Dear Evan Hanson. Both are already available on Youtube as part of the newly created "Remotely Depot" heading. A Hamlet ensemble piece is underway. Play readings have been suggested and a Julius Cesar monologue performed by Greg Miller will be up soon.

There will be no charge for these “Remotely Depot” offerings but a Donate Button will be available.

Jack Goldstein spoke of the imperative to keep putting our product online in order to keep our future as bright as possible. Steve Ives suggested the possibility that Depot Docs could be an online experience. Jack encouraged the board to keep thinking about creative ways to stay in touch with our audience through such optimistic offerings.

After many ideas for possible things to stream online, board members were encouraged to keep thinking and send ideas to Nancy and Amy.

It was agreed that as we adjust to operating under the corona virus safety guidelines, we could have short Zoom meetings between our regular board meetings on various topics as they arise, such as what to do about the annual benefit.

The board agreed to continue in Executive Session after the meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Plummer, Secretary