

MINUTES OF THE PHILIPSTOWN DEPOT BOARD MEETING
Saturday April 6, 2019

Present: Steve Ives, Kathy Plummer, Jack Goldstein, Byron Stinson, Gerald Singer, Chris Nowak, Terry Turner, Gretchen Dykstra

Not Present: Sheila Rauch, Claudio Marzollo, Bob Rhodes

Also Present: Amy Dul, Nancy Swann

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM by Board President, Steve Ives.

Steve Ives announced the recent arrival of the \$50,000 grant money from the New York State Dormitory Authority which has been placed in the new account at M&T Bank. Plans for a formal community announcement were discussed. These include letters, notices in papers, timing, and the importance of showing how important this grant is to our kids' programs.

A discussion of the possible painting of alternate pieces of the new plaza, included color matching challenges and the reason for some repairs to a few of the new slabs. Chris Nowak expressed appreciation for the excellent work of Rich Frost. Jack Goldstein asked for a price to slurry the entire plaza before sealing it and Chris will do this. If a vote on allocating funds is needed, it can be done by email.

Steve Ives announced that the PDT Board Retreat, scheduled for April 27 from 9:30 AM till 1:00 PM, with the last hour reserved for Executive Session will be at Dolly's Restaurant private room this year. The Committee Chairs were asked to turn in a 3 or 4 point agenda for discussion focus.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved authorizing Amy Dul to withdraw funds to pay for a tribute dinner as a farewell sendoff for three board members who have recently stepped down, Mike LaRocco, John Lane, and MJ Martin.

The afternoon of June 16 has been selected as the best time for a young parents gathering to be held on the Plaza with Tall County playing music.

Amy Dul strongly encouraged board members to invite others to the May 5 Benefit, honoring Dr. Peter Gergely, and offering extra paper invitations if

needed. Using Our Donor Perfect list plus new additions, 780 electronic invitations have been sent. Mona Smith and Karen Kapoor have been working with Amy and there is broad enthusiasm for the details of the “Kids and Nuns” entertainment as well as the Veggie Go Go food and the special flowers being made by Sheila Rauch.

Amy Dul announced that the lighting board which we have patched together repeatedly is no longer repairable and the well laid plans for replacement are underway. She commended John Leyden, Technical Assistant, who did a brilliant job of keeping it operable between shows in the past month with an assist from equipment loaned by Damien McDonald. The new equipment has been vetted by Mr. McDonald and will be installed this week.

Amy Dul reported on recent successful events:
Music-Claudia Gibson
Youth-Lily Red’s Journey Through Tune Town
Aery Theater One Act Plays (Sold Out)

And coming up:
Depot Docs- Divide and Conquer (Sold Out)
Glass Ceiling Breakers- HVSF2
Main Stage- Nunsense
Main Stage- Little Shop of Horrors

Amy reported on a problem with the phone line which has been corrected.

Amy reported that the building sustained damage to the corner fascia when a truck backed into it.

Nancy Swann reported that Nunsense rehearsals are underway with Christine Bokhur choreographing and directing. It will open May 17 and run for four weekends. Board members are encouraged to come the first weekend if possible.

Nancy Swann will direct Little Shop of Horrors in the fall with Chris Nowak designing the set and the plant to be cast as a woman.

Byron Stinson explained the difference between an audit and a review and suggested that because the audit is more expensive as well as not required by

New York State because of our size, it makes sense to have the review of our finances.

Jack Goldstein suggested that we look into the significance of the review instead of the audit in the requirements of grantors in grant applications. Gretchen Dykstra questioned if the Culture Data Project, designed to centralize all funders state by state, is to be required in grant writing. She said that, if possible, we should avoid this highly complicated and time consuming application process.

Upon the recommendation of Byron Stinson, a move to open a second brokerage account at the Charles Schwab Company was made, seconded and passed.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Plummer, Secretary

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