

MINUTES OF THE PHILIPSTOWN DEPOT BOARD MEETING
Saturday February 23, 2019

Present: Steve Ives, Sheila Rauch, Kathy Plummer, Jack Goldstein Claudio Marzollo, Byron Stinson, Gerald Singer

Not Present: Bob Rhodes, Chris Nowak, Terry Turner, Gretchen Dykstra, MJ Martin,

Also Present: Amy Dul, Nancy Swann

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 AM by Board President, Steve Ives.

Steve welcomed Gerry Springer to the Philipstown Depot Board.

Amy Dul reported on the delightful concert by Chip Taylor which was followed by a lively Q&A with Ned Rauch. Ray Wilson, the producer, has already booked Chip Taylor for a return performance in September.

Amy reported that the Depot Docs documentary, "Far from the Tree", was also a great success with Andrew Solomon, the author of the book, and one of the parents from the documentary in attendance for the Q&A. The reception following was so successful that this type of reception will be continued for future Depot Docs. "Divide and Conquer" will be shown on April 12.

Amy reported that the summer schedule has had to be adjusted because of an additional three days having been added to the Haldane School calendar. In order to accommodate the youngsters who wish to be a part of the production of "Matilda", she has staggered the productions and also added a playwriting workshop. The Presbyterian Church parish hall will be used for some of the workshop and some rehearsals. "Matilda" is to be the show for the 4th-7th graders as well as the show for the the older kids.

As the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York grant money has recently been moved to the State Accounting Department, the check for the improvements to the theater will soon be arriving. A motion to open a new account at M&T Bank for these funds was made, seconded and passed.

Amy Dul reported that the Greenway grant and the Putnam Arts Council grant are both in. Discussion of applying for NYSCA grant money in the future would be easier now that we are registered with the New York State Grant Gateway.

Nancy Swann reported that Ethan Jones, a director and lighting expert has done an excellent organization and inventory of our equipment with prices attached for items we need. This information can be used along with Damien MacDonald and Michael Mel's estimates for sound, lighting, projection, and curtains.

Amy Dul, Diane Landtroop, Tania Dirks, Karen Kapour, and Mona Smith have been working on the annual benefit and gathering photos to celebrate 20 years of Youth Productions which will be held on May 5. A save the date notice designed by Suzanne Ball will go out soon. Dr. Peter Gergely will be the honoree. The event will be catered by Veggie GoGO with Tom Harvey as bartender.

Nancy Swann reported that tech week for The Importance of Being Earnest has begun. There are many new and talented people in the cast and the show will open next weekend.

Annual Conflicts Policy Acknowledgement documents were signed by all board members present.

Jack Goldstein said that the draft budget is due in April and Byron Stinson said that the finance committee will have it ready by the time of the retreat.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Plummer