

MINUTES OF THE PHILIPSTOWN DEPOT BOARD
MEETING

Saturday July 25, 2020

Virtual Meeting Using Zoom

Present: Steve Ives, Claudio Marzolo, Chris Nowak, Kathy Plummer, Peter Weed, Sheila Rauch, Byron Stinson, Gerry Singer, Jack Goldstein, Terry Turner

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

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

Steve welcomed new board member, Peter Weed, to the meeting and he was unanimously welcomed by all.

A discussion of last evening's online, interactive Depot Docs' presentation of The Loving Story was praised by all who attended. This is the first Depot Docs event since the pandemic began.

After additions and corrections, a motion to accept the minutes of the May 30, 2020 meeting was made, seconded, and passed by the board.

Amy Dul praised Steve Ives and the entire Depot staff for the successful benefit. In addition to regular hours, many volunteer staff hours were contributed. Board members commented on the positive feedback received from friends who attended and expressed gratitude for the way so many donors stepped up in support. The planning and production of holding the annual benefit this way felt like a leap of faith that turned out very well. It

confirmed that an arts group can use what they do to touch and engage the audience. Nancy Swann spoke of the archival footage from past productions becoming available . Amy said that we now have CLI video of the benefit to post on the website.

Jack Goldstein spoke of the ongoing work to further develop the successful launch of Remotely Depot which has generated wide interest as well as revenue. He met with Amy, Nancy, Julie and Ned to discuss this project which has generated \$3,000 in donations. He pointed out that there is also an opportunity with Remotely Depot to address diversity. We can search out emerging talent and interest through contacting Haldane and other schools in the area. Jack suggested investing some money to enable Remotely Depot to reach out to school communities. Steve said this would be a way to broaden our reach to other communities. Ned Rauch's request for submissions already sets the tone with a voice amusing, intelligent, and light.

Amy Dul gave a description of the now completed online summer camps with teaching artists Christine Bokhour, Lisa Sabin, Todd Hewitt, Karen Kapour, Linda Special, Liz Keifer, Gary Ljungquist and Amy Dul.

Amy reported that the maintenance on the air conditioner has been done. Also the shed has been fixed by Chris. Peter Weed volunteered to help Chris with future maintenance.

Amy said she will circulate by email the proposal for Director's Insurance.

Sheila Rauch scheduled a Program Meeting to begin immediately following the Board Meeting. Program Committee ideas for the fall with kids programs and alternative school plans particularly in mind will be floated to the board before the next meeting.

Steve Ives informed the board that we need a board treasurer.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Plummer, Secretary