

MINUTES OF THE PHILIPSTOWN DEPOT BOARD MEETING
June 5, 2021

Virtual Meeting Using Zoom

Present: Steve Ives, Kathy Plummer, Peter Weed, Claudio Marzollo, Gerry Singer, Chris Nowak, Sheila Rauch, Terry Turner, Charlie Dupree, Byron Stinson

Not Present: Caitlin Chadwick, Jack Goldstein

Also Present: Amy Dul, Executive Director

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 AM.

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting was made, seconded, and approved by the board.

Peter Weed reported on the HVAC project. There are now two new thermostats. The energy recovery unit was to have gone in June 4 and Peter will be checking on that. A question for the board to consider is whether to bring in an engineer to review and consult with on the completion of the project. The cost estimate for that would be a few hundred dollars.

Poor internet connection interrupted communication and delayed the meeting.

a motion to invite Jim Semmleman to join the Board was made, seconded and passed unanimously by the board.

Peter Weed, Chris Nowak, and Steve Ives reported on recent research to find a site for costume storage and scene shop. Possible sites included the maintenance sheds at the golf course, the “yellow house” on the golf course, a residential space on Garrison Landing, and the area behind the Verizon building. We would need about 3000 square footage. The best fit would be the sheds at the golf course. Claudio Marzollo said that for the Recreation Department, it would be good to get our costume collection out of their space. Byron Stinson commented on the ongoing work of architects and planners for the golf club space. Steve Ives said that with this project

evolving, it would be best to keep in touch about possible use of the sheds there.

Amy Dul presented the following Executive Director Report:

Executive Director Report June 5, 2021

Near the end of the last meeting, Byron encouraged us to go ahead and try for the Shuttered Venues Operators Grant. We put our noses to the grindstone and came up with a well documented application and now we are just waiting. All eligible organizations are supposed to be getting funds. I have not heard anything yet either way.

As far as live events, we have had two storytelling nights since our last board meeting. One was pretty hot, one was very cold but the audiences really appreciated being part of live theatre. Tonight Goldee Greene and Tom McCoy take the stage and next weekend, one act plays by Theatre Revolution considering race and racism. 2 of the playwrights are people of color.

2 nights ago we opened the 2nd Freedom Project online presentation which is available through Sunday night. There is a Q and A Sunday night at 8pm if you can attend, that would be great.

116 tickets have been sold so far. I encourage you to watch it if you haven't already; particularly the piece by Christine Toy Johnson, as it is informative as well as well acted.

We still have some kinks to work out if we are going to continue to film. We are learning as we go.

Trevor (Nancy's son) and Gary, have been invaluable. Alice Jankell continues to be the cheerleader bringing in big names and keeping a very calm and practiced hand at handling three theatres with different sensibilities.

The third pair of plays is being filmed at the Depot next week. Alice is directing Craig Lucas' piece. Maia and Charlie Plummer are going to be in that piece. And Donald Kimmel is directing the vintage play.

I think we are on the precipice of something really good. We need to figure out what the next steps are for the Putnam Theatre Alliance.

Chris has designed an outdoor set for our summer kids programs. According to Amber, Putnam County Health Depot has advised that kids do not have to wear masks outside this summer. I'll have more information from Amber next week.

We need to continue to talk about the benefit as it will sneak up on us. It's Sept. 19. How about that nifty logo that Liz and Ned designed for our 25th Anniversary?

Liz Rauch. -We talked briefly about bringing Liz on as our poster maker. She can do 3 Main Stage posters, One Fall, One Spring, One Benefit and supervise a kids poster, and make a template for 50/50's for \$1800 a year. I have almost enough to cover her in our advertising budget for this year, and if we up it a bit for next year I think we can easily cover that and it's worth it to have the continuity and integrity of design.

I'm meeting with Erin Detrich, Wednesday June 16 at 9am at Cold Spring Coffee Shop. She would like to hear about what the board does. Steve, can you or anyone join me?

The meet and greet that Jerry Springer and Kyle Good held for Jim Semmelman was lovely. He seems like a wonderful addition to the board, and he expressed to me that he's available to help with anything we need.

At the conclusion of the Executive Director's report, it was moved, seconded and passed by the board that Liz Rauch will be appointed the official poster maker for the Philipstown Depot Theatre.

Benefit Planning meetings will begin next week. They will be outdoors in person and Zoom can be added for those who may be away.

Sheila Rauch congratulated our staff for the fantastic job done to keep PDT open and relevant during the pandemic. Commenting on each offering, she thanked the staff and theater artists.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed by the board.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Plummer, Secretary