

MINUTES OF THE PHILIPSTOWN DEPOT BOARD MEETING

Oct. 31, 2020

Virtual Meeting using Zoom

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM.

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

Steve Ives welcomed Caitlin Chadwick to the board meeting. Claudio Marzollo will be presenting her name to the Philipstown Board in November for that official approval. All present warmly welcomed her to the meeting today and the Board Diversity Training Program which is scheduled to follow immediately.

Steve Ives reported on the success of the Pop Up Patio Series. He noted the hard work and courage it required of the staff and performers to undertake this ambitious project and how impressed he has been with how well done and successful it has been.

Amy Dul reported that the Pop Up Series grossed approximately \$2300 and spent half of that in fees and rights and the price had been \$15 per ticket.

Amy thanked the board for the swift response to personalizing the letters for the Annual Appeal. They have all been mailed. She expressed appreciation for the dedication of Mona Smith in this effort.

Amy reported that the \$1800 from the Dutchess Arts Council was included in the Pop Up Flip Side production as has been agreed upon with the grantors.

Damien McDonald and Gary Ljungquist are replacing the attic fuses and when this is complete the dimmers we are now using will not have to be replaced.

Amy reported that a December Holiday theme is being planned, perhaps in collaboration with the Garrison Art Center. This will be outdoors on the plaza.

Nancy Swann, Chris, Nowak, Caitlin Chadwick and Amy Dul are prioritizing the wish list for the theater space. Because of expensive complications, drop down stairs are not being considered. Amy spoke of the usefulness of having our own own body microphones. These are \$500 each and we would need four.

Jack Goldstein addressed the need for a budget statement. Steve Ives intends to ask for a meeting of the Finance Committee to prepare this. Byron Stinson suggested it wait until the audit and tax reports are complete.

Nancy Swann reported on plans for the Aery Theater to produce a series of 8 judged play readings, to be performed over one weekend in March.

Other early spring considerations are outside storytelling, readings of original plays, dance pieces, and music.

The possibility of tents on the patio was discussed. Chris Nowak suggested trying an anchored pop-up tent to check the durability of it withstanding the challenges of weather and the proximity of the train.

Caitlin Chadwick is checking on the contents of the 9 different spaces we are using for storage with a goal of cleaning out the pods and organizing and possibly barcoding what we should keep.

On Monday morning a group will meet to help with this. Board members were invited to join.

As the Board Workshop on “Exploring Implicit Bias: Micro Aggressions and Racial Equality”, lead by Diane Goodman, was scheduled to begin at 10:00 AM, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Plummer, Secretary

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