

MINUTES OF THE PHILIPSTOWN DEPOT BOARD MEETING

Saturday February 24, 2018

Present: Sheila Rauch, Claudio Marzolo, Kathy Plummer Chris Nowak, MJ Martin, Steve Ives, John Lane Terry Turner, Mike LaRocco

Not Present: Byron Stinson Joel Conybear, Jack Goldstein Gretchen Dykstra, Bob Rhodes

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 AM by board president, Steve Ives. Steve reported on the details for the successful renovation of the plaza which are moving forward thanks to the attention and perseverance of Amy Dul, Chris Nowak, and Stephan. Plans have been reviewed with Garrison Landings Association regarding the special storm drain and the location of the dumpster at the North end of the building. We have the building permit for that. The question of whether or not we need track insurance is under review.

Sheila Rauch suggested sending a letter to all the people on the landing with a schedule of the construction plans. Amy agreed to do this.

Steve Ives explained that we need to register with the NY State Grants Gateway in order to qualify for the Dormitory Authority grant. In addition to it being required, it will benefit us to be registered as it will reduce the complexities of grant applications and contract terms for other grants and agreements as well.

John Lane moved that we agree in principle to register subject to final approval from the board. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Chris Nowak proposed reframing and lighting the blind windows that face the plaza to be used for posters and possible development committee projects. The idea was enthusiastically received and Chris agreed to look in to the details to make it happen.

Amy Dul reported that she and Steve had met with Shelley Boris and are excited and encouraged about possible future cooperative events with her. Her new restaurant, Dolly's, at the old Guinan's location on the landing, will be opening very soon.

Amy reported on the abundance of programs already on the schedule for spring and summer. These include, Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, The Music Man, Chip Taylor presents Ray Wilson, Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival, Phil Bond presents, Depot Docs, and more.

Amy reported that Anne Vitiello and Julie Heckert have submitted a grant requesting general support to the M&T Bank.

Mike LaRocco submitted a seven month activity report to the board and the budget was discussed. Terese Olson has been asked to do the basic bookkeeping and we will apply for a grant to pay for a certified audit.

Nancy Swann reported on the rehearsal progress and the preview video releases for Cat on a Hot Tin Roof. Steve Ives encouraged the board members to try to attend one of the opening weekend performances, March 9, 10, and 11.

Claudio Marzollo, Chairman of the Nominating Committee reported that the following board members have been re-elected by the town of Philipstown Recreation Department for 3 year terms: Joel Conybear, MJ Martin, Sheila Rauch, and Bob Rhodes.

A motion was then made, seconded and passed unanimously that the following slate of officers be elected: Steve Ives, President; Jack Goldstein, Vice President; Mike LaRocco, Treasurer; Kathy Plummer, Secretary. This slate will be presented to the town of Philipstown Recreation Department.

MJ Martin agreed to take over the title of Development Committee Chair so that Jack Goldstein can become Vice President without conflict.

Chris Nowak announced that Metro North will be restoring the canopy on the other side of the tracks, a welcome improvement.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Plummer, Secretary