

MINUTES OF THE PHILIPSTOWN DEPOT BOARD MEETING

Sunday January 28, 2018

Present: Sheila Rauch, Joel Conybear, Jack Goldstein, Gretchen Dykstra, Claudio Marzollo, Bob Rhodes, Kathy Plummer, Chris Nowak, MJ Martin, Steve Ives

Not Present: Byron Stinson, John Lane, Terry Turner, Mike LaRocco

Also Present: Amy Dul, Executive Director, Nancy Swann, Artistic Director, Anne Vitiello, Development Associate

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM by Steve Ives, President, at the Philipstown Depot Theatre building, Garrison's Landing, NY.

A motion to approve the minutes of Dec. 2, 2017 was made, seconded and approved by the board.

Steve Ives introduced Anne Vitiello who is the new Development Associate for the Philipstown Depot Theatre.

Anne Vitiello announced the successful results of the annual appeal. Over \$43,000.00 was raised, which exceeded our goal. Anne also introduced plans for a corporate sponsorship campaign. The board was shown the materials which will be used to offer business leaders an opportunity to sponsor the Philipstown Depot Theatre. Among the ideas to increase client exposure to our audience, the board discussed using the large underpass wall that faces the street to include sponsor names.

Steve Ives updated the board on the renovation of the plaza. Two representatives from Metro-North visited the site last week. There were no big issues. The new storage shed requires new footings. The MNR rep has to check to see which side of the tracks the cables/signals run on and mark where they are. Depending on which side of the tracks they are on, we may have to take out track insurance. Bob Rhodes mentioned that a shed might be built without dug foundations, thus simplifying the process. Also, Metro-North advises us that we may not drive heavy equipment over the underpass during construction of the plaza.

Steve will speak with the Garrison's Landings board regarding the plans and schedule for renovation of the plaza. Amy Dul as well as Chris Nowak have spoken with the Garrison Art Center about this. A permit from the building department of Philipstown has been applied for as we believe the drain that we want to tap into is a town drain. The plan is that the space should be ready for the first post construction theater event for Depot Docs on April 27, 2018. Steve will alert Assemblywoman Sandy Galef about the schedule and plans in regard to the Dormitory Authority of the State of NY Grant.

Amy Dul, Executive Director, reported that dust in the system caused an alarm to ring during a performance of Steel Magnolias. The firepersons came and the problem has been corrected.

A four week program for 20 children grades 5-7 for staged song presentation led by Lisa Sabin has successfully completed and another program of playwriting for younger children, grades 1-3 is well underway.

Karen Kapoor has been hired as Youth coordinator and interviews for teen mentor interns will be conducted by Christine Bokhour. Summer shows will be a kid-friendly Spamalot for grades 4-7; Adams Family for teens; and Stories for Stage for little kids.

The theater group, Excellent Creature, was commended for the winter play reading series, the most recent being Night of the Iguana, which was greatly appreciated.

Charlie Plummer, an alumnus of Philipstown Depot Theatre children's programs, was recently featured in the weekend section of LoHud newspapers and interviewed in the theater. His warm words of appreciation and affection for the theatre were an integral part of the piece.

The Philipstown Depot Theatre was also prominently mentioned in this weekends real estate section of the New York Times.

Posters for Music Man and for Cat on a Hot Tin Roof have been designed and will be up and about in a timely manner.

MJ Martin reported that the development committee has had its first meeting to plan the annual benefit party, scheduled for — — — — —. The board discussed various components of the event and MJ encouraged board members to join the benefit committee.

Claudio Marzollo reported that the ten acre property located at 401 and 9D in garrison has been legally transferred from OSI and Scenic Hudson to the town of Philipstown. A piece of this property will be reserved for the Philipstown Depot Theatre to build a barn-like structure for set building and costume storage as well as for bathrooms and some storage for the planned athletic fields.

The fiscal year for Philipstown will change from July to July for the first time this year.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and unanimously passed by the board at 10:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Plummer, Secretary