

MINUTES OF THE PHILIPSTOWN DEPOT BOARD MEETING

Saturday May 26, 2018

Present: Steve Ives, Chris Nowak, Byron Stinson, Sheila Rauch, Kathy Plummer, Gretchen Dykstra, MJ Martin, Bob Rhodes, Terry Turner, Mike LaRocco

Not Present: Claudio Marzollo, Jack Goldstein, John Lane

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:38 AM by Board President, Steve Ives.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting.

Steve Ives reported on the success of the annual benefit which was held last Sunday. Financially, we met our goal and the wonderful turnout and enthusiastic crowd of people validates what we do here.

Steve Ives gave the following update on the Plaza: The lights are up. The shed that Chris Nowak built from scratch is completed except for painting. Also, thanks to Chris Nowak's great contributions of time and talent, we did not need to use the extra \$6,000 we had expected to spend to complete the project. The final cost was \$63,500, which includes fencing.

The counsel for Dormitory Authority of the State of New York(DASNY) has contacted PDT with a request for language clarification of the relationship with the Philipstown Recreation Department in the lease. John Lane has agreed to do this.

The other small lease language problem is that a Metro-North Holding Company actually owns the plaza space. For this we will get acceptable documentation from Metro North.

Once these details are accomplished, the NYState Assembly, NY State Senate and the Budget committee will be able to sign the agreement. The request will then go to the Bond Market and we will be cleared to receive the DASNY grant. This will take time and we will keep in touch with DASNY showing all the expenses of the plaza.

Steve Ives spoke of the importance of establishing a prioritized list of the needs of the committees in order to establish a projected budget for the beginning of the fiscal year. These needs could be programming as well as capital improvements. Both Amy Dul and Nancy Swann will offer input for this. Last year's budget had shortfalls in two places: seat naming was one and Corporate sponsors was the other. Revenue was made up in other places for these shortfalls. The goal is to present a budget for approval to the board at the next meeting, which will be June 23, if we have quorum. The quorum question will be determined by email before July 23. In addition to the Budget committee, the other committees are Program, Development, and Board Development. Before adopting next years budget, actual budgets from 2016 and 2017 will be presented to the board members.

Steve Ives opened a board discussion on how to create a more inclusive environment to encourage participation of young adults in ongoing support of the PDT. Many ideas were offered and a plan for a summer event was decided on to begin this effort. The event will be an expanded cast party for cast, family and friends after the 2:00 PM Matinee of Spamalot.

Amy Dul asked for feedback from the annual benefit which was followed by comments, compliments and suggestions for next year.

Amy reported on future events. Music Man is still running with sold out shows. The Streisand Cabaret evening is coming up June 23. Christopher Radko's plans for the Hello Dolly parade at the Garrison's Landing will include a walk through the patio before proceeding to the river on June 16. The Ray Wilson event scheduled for June 30 has been cancelled.

Sheila Rauch and Ned Rauch will make two seven feet long white on black signs with old timey letters for the plaza side of the building. Chris Nowak will look into prices for a Rosco printed sign for the brick framed wall facing the parking spaces. This also will be white on black.

The concession stand is doing well under volunteers Candy Zolenski and Carol Filmanski and teen workers Henry Heckert and Sasha Levy. Amy Dul and Julie Heckert are the brownie bakers and shoppers for other items.

Regarding the look of the plaza, the board discussed whether or not it is sensible to pursue plans of staining or painting the plaza. More information on options and timing will need to be settled before a decision is made.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Plummer

