

MINUTES OF THE PHILIPSTOWN DEPOT BOARD MEETING
Saturday October 13, 2018

Present: Steve Ives, Chris Nowak, Byron Stinson, Kathy Plummer, Gretchen Dykstra, Claudio Marzollo, Jack Goldstein

Not Present: Sheila Rauch, MJ Martin, Bob Rhodes, Terry Turner, John Lane, Mike Larocco

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 Ives opened a discussion of the need for improvements in the Depot Docs booth. This includes items such as screen and speakers. Getting a professional person in to evaluate the options and costs is suggested. These items are critically needed but depending on costs, could wait until the DASNY (Dormitory Authority of the State of New York) grant money is available.

Amy Dul has been in touch with the lawyer for DASNY and is hopeful that these funds could be available in December 2018. A possible temporary measure would be to get just the screen updated and wait for the grant money for the other improvements. Input from all the people associated with the operation of the booth will be important to consider.

Steve Ives reminded the board of the need to plan a retreat and the month of February is under consideration.

Chris Nowak reported that the completion of the metal roof on the shed marks the last step in fulfilling the improvements in the Plaza Project and Looking Swell Campaign. At this time the Open Building Permit will be closed. The board expressed appreciation to Chris for management and extensive on hands work in this accomplishment.

Questions for the most practical use of the finished attic space were discussed.

Amy Dul noted that there are missing slates on the roof and Chris Nowak agreed to contact Jeffrey Dishler of the GLA regarding this.

Amy Dul reported on the very busy Sept/October schedule including Aery Theatre, Roscoe and Etta, Mama Drama, a Programming Committee Meeting, Depot Docs, Phil Bond music presentation and Excellent Creature Play Reading. She presented the board members with a 16 month calendar draft.

Questions about parking issues were discussed by the board with ideas to improve communication with patrons using the website and using a Sandwich Board at the Theater space.

Amy is working on grant applications for Putnam Arts Council, Community Foundations and the Greenway grant.

Kids Programs coming up are "Dandelion" for 1st-3rd grades, "James and the Giant Peach, Jr." for 4th-7th grades, and "The Art Thieves Conservatory" for teen players.

Linda Lange will be organizing the Annual Appeal. All board members are asked to plan to stay after the regular meeting on Oct 27 to participate.

Amy requests that all Committee Chairs give their meeting dates to her to add to the the calendar. Byron Stinson has agreed to be the Budget committee chair.

Chris Nowak requested ideas for helpers to clean up the space at the town dump. Two people are needed.

Nancy Swann reported that "The Importance of Being Earnest" directed by Carin White has been chosen for the Main Stage play for March 2019. In May, Christine Bokhour and Jenn Lee will direct "Nonsense" and in the fall of 2019, "a tentative plan to produce "Little Shop of Horrors" is underway.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Plummer, Secretary.