

## **MINUTES OF THE PHILIPSTOWN DEPOT BOARD MEETING**

Sunday, September 10, 2017

Present: Claudio Marzolo, Bob Rhodes, Mike LaRocco,, Gretchen Dykstra, Jack Goldstein, Kathy Plummer, MJ Martin, Steve Ives, Sheila Rauch

Not Present: Joel Conybear, Chris Nowak, John Lane, Byron Stinson Terry Turner

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

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting was made, seconded, and unanimously passed.

Steve Ives reported that despite the plans for beginning the work of the plaza upgrade being in perfect order, the actual ground breaking may have to be delayed due to details in the order of document signing needing to wait on the various schedules of the MTA members required to sign. Our window of time to begin ground breaking is October. If we are unable to have the signatures by then, we will need to postpone this until April. Steve agreed to contact the town supervisor, the contractors and the GLA about this probability.

Jack Goldstein spoke about some of the development ideas under consideration particularly the best way to acknowledge donors for the plaza renovation. The board agreed to vote on a concept regarding this at the next meeting.

Jack Goldstein presented a report from Linda Lange, Development Associate, and requested that board members plan to stay after the next board meeting to help with the annual appeal.

Amy Dul reported on the extremely successful summer productions. Fall productions will include Willie Wonka Jr. directed by Christine Bokhur. Because this production for 3rd to 7th graders is oversubscribed, the director has agreed to expanding it to include two casts of 24 in each. The steadily increased interest in youth participation was noted by the board as the mission to serve all these children becomes more challenging.

A reading of a new play, "Providence" by Jonathan Reynolds, directed by John Plummer and cast with members of the Philipstown Depot Theatre community and the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival was a great success.

Other events on the fall calendar include Cutie and the Boxer under Depot Docs, My Queer Youth, a play by Philip Geoffrey Bond, and Steel Magnolias, which will run for three weekends. As Steel Magnolias will follow Willie Wonka Jr. immediately, the two sets will be built simultaneously and the one not being used will be obscured by black curtains .

Sheila Rauch reported on the success of a recent cabaret evening, a benefit by Excellent Creatures Productions, held in the PDT space.

Amy Dul reported that Karen Kapoor has been hired as Youth Coordinator and will start in October.

Mike LaRocco lead a discussion on the benefits and the price differences of an audit vs. a review. No decision has been made.

At 10:48 AM a motion to adjourn was made, seconded unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Plummer, Secretary