

Dudas Inspiration Venue for the Arts



Minutes of the Board Meeting
June 2, 2019, at 4:30 p.m.
708 East Main Street, Richmond, Indiana

President Andy Dudas called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m. The following Directors were present: Jared Adamson, Amy Noe Dudas, Andy Dudas, and Pam Fraizer. The following Directors were absent: Chris Gibson, Amy Sekhar, Matt Socey, and Stacy Wentzell. A quorum was present.

Minutes

The minutes of the February 9, 2019, board meeting were included in the board packet. Pam moved, and Jared seconded, to approve the minutes. After an opportunity for discussion, the minutes of the February 9, 2019, board meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

Amy D. presented the Treasurer's Report, which was included in the board packet. Jared moved, and Pam seconded, to accept the Treasurer's Report. After an opportunity for discussion, the Treasurer's Report was unanimously accepted.

Improvements

Improvements to the building and amenities were discussed. The lighting system was purchased earlier in the year, and Aaron Clarke very generously assisted Andy and Amy D. in installing and configuring it in February. This set-up enables us to add to the existing system as we grow into bigger space. In addition, a sound system has recently been purchased, and Rick Funk very generously donated his time to install and configure it. This all happened in May. There is nothing new to report with regard to building improvements.

Funding

With regarding to funding, Amy D. reported that the application for the 2019 Wayne County Women's Fund grant cycle was unsuccessful. The theme of their funding appeared to include children's education, and our proposed project (a leadership improv workshop for women) did not fit well.

Amy D. has finished and submitted the application to the Richmond Redevelopment Commission. A copy of the application has previously been circulated. The process was explained, and we are on the meeting agenda for their June 11 at noon meeting. The members of the Commission have been invited to tour the space if they wish. Any board members available to attend the meeting (no need to speak) in order that we can demonstrate board support are more than welcome. We have made public our application to our supporters and on social media in the interests of being transparent and gathering ongoing support. We have received some positive feedback.

Live! at DIVA

There have not been any third party uses since our last meeting. There is ongoing interest to put on a lip sync drag show fundraiser, but the group does not appear to be particularly organized. We are working on promoting the availability of the space for this purpose a lot heavier in order that we can show fulfillment of our main intended mission.

DIVA Ed

A public improv workshop is scheduled for July 13, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.

DIVA Productions

The Department of Improv continues to perform on the first Friday of every month to nearly sold out crowds. It remains to be received very positively in the community.

Amy D. and Jared have been working on starting a quarterly chamber music recital. The first recital is intended for October.

Nominating Committee

Andy needs to appoint a nominating committee soon in order that a slate of candidates for directors and officers can be presented at the Annual Meeting (held each year in the 4th quarter). There are seven director vacancies that we should work on filling up. Pam indicated that she would serve. Amy D. will circulate a call to the entire board for other volunteers, if any.

Old Business

Articles of Amendment

Amy D. reported that the Articles of Incorporation have been amended such that they are consistent with the Bylaws regarding not having members. A copy of the Articles of Amendment had been previously circulated.

New Business

Amended 2018 Year-End Statements of Financial Activities and Position

Amy D. reported that in working on the books, she realized that the light and sound equipment had been expensed rather than logged as assets. In going back and correcting that, she remembered that a few of the lighting purposes were actually made at the end of 2018. Since the year-end financial statements for 2018 have already been approved, this accounting change requires that amended statements be accepted. The amended statements were included in the board packet. Amy D. moved, and Andy seconded, to accept the amended 2018 Year-End Statement of Financial Activities and the amended 2018 Year-End Statement of Financial Position. After an opportunity for discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Annual Fundraiser

We are at a point where we should consider putting on an annual event of some kind to fundraise and celebrate. The first decision to be made, considering all the other similar community events that are put on, is what time of year makes sense. After discussion, it was determined that late February is probably the best time. There is very little going on in the community during the first two months of the year, and besides, Amy D.'s birthday is on February 22.

Amy D. and Andy are meeting with Amanda Marquis of the Leland Legacy on Tuesday, June 4, to discuss the possibility of using the ballroom. Other options include Cope Environmental Center and Forest Hills. It is likely that an event committee will be formed as we start to really plan the event.

Budget Committee

The Bylaws require that we have a Budget Committee, but since we have been starting up for about two years without specific ideas on income and expenses, we haven't really needed a true budget. Amy D. figures it's time, starting with the 2020 year, that we do that. Therefore, she will put out a call to the board for volunteers, if any, to be on the Budget Committee. The plan is to present for approval a budget for the following year at the fourth quarter meeting.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, Jared moved, and Amy D. seconded, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Noe Dudas
Secretary