



DUDAS INSPIRATION VENUE for the ARTS

708 East Main Street Richmond, Indiana 47374

Board Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2020

Present: Jared Adamson, Roxie Deer, Amy Dudas, Andy Dudas, Chris Gibson, Stacy Gibson, Claudia Edwards, Andrew Hoover, Terrence Metz, Matt Socey
Absent: Aaron Clarke, Pam Fraizer, Amy Sekhar

President Andy Dudas called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

Report of the Nominating and Governance Committee re Vacancies

The Nominating and Governance Committee reported on the number of vacancies in unexpired board terms. The Board may fill vacancies at any Board meeting. The Committee recommended filling two of those vacancies as follows: for the seat ending its second term in 2021 – Jared Adamson; for the seat ending its second term in 2020 – Amy Sekhar. Hoover moved and Matt seconded to approve the recommendation of the Nominating and Governance Committee. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Minutes

Amy D. presented the minutes from the December 15, 2019, Board Meeting and the December 21, 2019, Special Board Meeting. Jared moved and Chris seconded approval of both sets of minutes. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report

The Board took notice of the Treasurer's Report given at the Annual Meeting held just prior to the Board meeting.

Expansion Project

We continue to wait for the Richmond Redevelopment Commission to obtain analysis back on a bond issue.

Committee Reports

Executive

A discussion was held regarding the appropriate amount to charge for private Department of Improv performances such as one commissioned by Reid Health for its management team. The Executive Committee had determined that troupe members asked to be a part of such performances should be paid a small stipend. T-Metz introduced the rule of thirds – one-third should go to performers, one-third should go to expenses, and one-third should go back into the organization. Therefore, the analysis should be to determine what we feel is the appropriate performer stipend and charge three



times that. Since we determined to pay troupe members \$25 for private performances, our fee for private performances will be \$75 per troupe member.

Nominating and Governance

There remain two outstanding vacancies on the Board – a seat with its first term ending in 2021 and a seat with its second term ending 2020. We have an ask pending for the 2021 vacancy.

It was suggested that we consider a designated Board seat for an Earlham-affiliated Board member.

Budget

Nothing to report.

Live! at DIVA

Andy reported that a table read for an original play written by Steve Cleaver was held on January 19, 2020. Upcoming events are the Haus of Magic show on February 21, 2020, a Spoken Word Open Mic on March 21, 2020, and a Music Open Mic, which date will be determined.

Community at DIVA

Amy reported that the RCT Personnel Committee held its January 14, 2020, meeting at DIVA. Upcoming events include an improv workshop and a children's improv workshop being developed in partnership with RCT's Stage One with the assistance of Department of Improv troupe member Erica Pearson.

Productions at DIVA

Amy reported on the Department of Improv's January 3, 2020, shows with Chris Daulton and Kim Ross of After 2 Beers. Upcoming Department of Improv shows and guests are: February 2, 2020 – Bill Langley; March 6, 2020 – Steve Borchers/Dave Snow; April 3, 2020 – TBD; May 1, 2020 – Ashley Sieb; June 5, 2020 – Megan Imhoff.

We plan to produce the world premiere of Steve Cleaver's *In the Bardo* at some point in the future. We are waiting for his re-writes after the table read held on January 19, 2020.

Marketing and Outreach

Andy reported that we continue to maintain a presence with the WCTV production of *Access to the Arts*. In addition, Amy D. has developed and will send an e-newsletter entitled *Monthly Musings*.

Development and Grants

We continue to have outstanding our grant request with the Richmond Redevelopment Commission, on which Amy D. reported earlier when discussing our expansion project.

We will submit a grant request to the Wayne County Foundation in its Spring grant cycle for funding to hire a development consultant.

Events

Some discussion was had regarding an annual fundraising event. There are a significant number of them in town, so it will be important to find a format that is engaging but unique from other nonprofits'



events. In addition, it will be important to make it accessible in terms of the cost, as younger professionals have a hard time affording the \$100 ticket for many local fundraisers.

Other Business

A brief discussion was held regarding incorporating a STEM element to our programming. The Boy Scout STEM division has done some work at Center City Development Corporation. The schools have STEM programs, but they are all siloed.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Amy D. moved and Chris seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion unanimously passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.