

Barnesville State Theater  
Barnesville Library Annex, 611 N. Chestnut Street  
Barnesville, OH 43713  
Meeting Minutes  
April 4, 2023

<b>Officers and Directors Present</b>			
Roger Johnson	Scott Gallagher	Jimmy Gear	
Greg Batts	Luke Johnson		
Quettie Stephen	Larry Cain		
Kathy Batts	David Ralston		
<b>Attendees</b>			
Bill Knox	Sherry McClellan	Alice Hunkler	
Paula Gear	Cathryn Stanley	Nancy Detling	
Sally Johnson	Jackee Pugh	Janie Burkhart	
Lynn Cline	Jeff Wise		

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by Roger Johnson

Previous minutes approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item:** Welcome and Introduction of Guests and New Attendees

Jackee Pugh and Cathryn Stanley from the Belmont County Tourism Council were introduced. They spoke about the Heritage Trail/Rubberneck Tour that will take place on April 19 from 11a-4p. The Barnesville State Theater will be the last stop on the tour and will allow participants to take guided tours of the theater as well as learn about the theater history and restoration plans and progress.

**Agenda Item:** Treasurer Report

The Treasurer report was given by Quettie. Beginning balance: \$52,003.72. Deposits totaled: \$295.00. Expenses \$35.00 with an ending balance of \$52,263.72.

**Agenda Item:** Facebook/Media/Website Update

Quettie provided a report for social media Facebook has 1,127 followers, Instagram 16, website 58 users, Twitter 6, Google 175 (with 131 searches for directions and 51 unique visits).

**Agenda Item:** Grants/Fundraising

To date, we have heard nothing back from Congressman Johnson.

Bill discussed the need for funds to continue moving forward and the importance of fundraising.

Quettie advised that she received the Sam ID which will allow us to now apply to the Ohio Arts Council.

**Agenda Item:** LHAT Conference – July 16-19, 2023 – Kansas City, MO

The LHAT Conference was discussed but there are no participants attending at this time.

**Agenda Item:** MSA Renovation Proposal

Roger shared that MSA would like to provide an update for us on April 6<sup>th</sup> at 4p. They are gathering everything we need done with regard to planning processes. Estimates will provide actual estimated dollars which we need to provide MSA in order to move forward and submit applications.

Quettie asked what the decision was on the adjacent building and Roger indicated we will discuss with Denny when he returns from Mexico. He currently has the building for 10-year income.

There was discussion on the need to break down the costs in the proposal. Bill added that we need to be thoughtful when talking about contractors as we have folks who have worked hard through this process who could potentially be utilized. He also advised that we need to have a frank conversation with MSA regarding costs.

Dave discussed the need to look at our local contractors as much as possible and this has been relayed to Maddie and Chris.

Larry stated that we hired MSA to guide us through the process, not take over the project.

We will meet on Thursday with MSA to go through the phase list.

Quettie advised that, depending on where the funds come from, prevailing wage may come into play.

Dave suggested opening a separate account for grant funds so there would be no comingling of monies.

**Agenda Item:** Wurlitzer Organ Discussion

Due to many obstacles with regard to how the Wurlitzer would physically fit in the theater, there was a vote to decline the offer of the gift. Quettie made the motion to decline the offer of the Wurlitzer gift, Roger seconded and the vote was passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item:** Design Committee

Luke suggested that in order to have a successful meeting with MSA on Thursday that we have a list of objectives for consideration. The cost was much higher than expected and there were questions about how we might lower the cost by using local contractors. A list of questions was prepared for Thursday's meeting.

**Agenda Item:** Events Committee

Lynn reported for the Events Committee on planned spring/summer events. We will be participating in the April 29<sup>th</sup> Rubberneck Tour by providing guided tours in the theater as well as setting up outside the theater with fact sheets and displays. We are in the process of trying to acquire music for the event.

May events include Fun in the Ville and the Chili Cookoff Fundraiser being sponsored by the Blue Moon. We will be providing guided tours of the theater as well as setting up outside the theater with fact sheets, displays and a raffle.

Luke suggested possibly having the theater kids perform a portion of the Footloose production on the April 29<sup>th</sup> event. We will look into this and contact the school.

**Agenda Item:** Status of Director Replacement

Roger will contact Judy Hutchison for her response.

**Agenda Item:** Open Forum

No discussion.

Meeting adjourned by Roger at 6:10 pm.

The next Barnesville State Theater Company meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 5:00pm at the Shekinah Church on 145 W. Main Street.

(Please see next page for additional information)

#### Addendum #1 to 4.4.23 Barnesville State Theater Meeting Minutes

Judy Hutchison declined the director position.

Rose Gear, who had the next highest number of votes, has accepted the position.

#### Addendum #2 to 4.4.23 Barnesville State Theater Meeting Minutes

MSA meeting on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> – 4pm at Shekinah Church

Attendees:

Roger Johnson

Greg Batts

Kathy Batts

Rose Gear

Scott Gallagher

Jeff Wise

Bill Knox

Jake Hershberger

Luke Johnson

Larry Cain

Judy Hutchison

Janie Burkhart

Bev Dowler

Sally Johnson

David Ralston

By Phone:

Quettie Stephen

Maddie

Chris

Maddie and Chris explained that completing Phase I positions us for grant application, and that &estimate costs that will be provided are needed for the grant.

They also indicated that we could delay some parts of the phase with regard to funding until other grants come in.

Discussion of utilizing local contractors took place, and MSA will contact individuals/firms that we provide. Maddie will contact Matt Hunkler.

After much discussion on the phase cost and Chris and Maddie's explanation of the breakdown of costs, knowing our financial situation, they indicated they would work with us to bring the cost down.

Meeting ended 4:50p