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Scott Gallagher	Kristal McGee
Rose Grear	David Ralston
Jacob Hershberger	

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 6, 2023 LIBRARY ANNEX

I. PRELIMINARY

- a. Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Roger Johnson
- b. Roger Johnson welcomed new attendee, Vickie Magers to the meeting.
- c. Kathy Batts completed Roll Call and Certification of a Quorum. Present: Roger Johnson, Greg Batts, Kathy Batts, Scott Gallagher, Rose Grear, Jake Hershberger, Luke Johnson and David Ralston. Absent: Jacquetta Stephen, Larry Cain, Brandi Little, Kristal McGee
- d. Board approved September 6, 2023 Board Meeting Agenda **MOTION made by Rose Grear and seconded by Scott Gallagher to approve September 6, 2023 Board Meeting Agenda. Voted unanimously to approve by all present board members.**
- e. Board Approved August 1, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes **MOTION made by Jake Hershberger and seconded by Greg Batts to approve August 1, 2023 Minutes. Voted unanimously to approve by all present board members.**

II. REPORTING

- a. President Report - Roger Johnson spoke about the VIP reception held on August 29th. He shared that Congressman Johnson was very interested in what's happening with our project. Congressman Johnson has seen and visited many similar projects and indicated that he will help however he can. Overall, the event was successful.
- b. Treasurer Report – September treasurer's report was presented by Kathy Batts on behalf of Jacquetta Stephen, **MOTION made by Rose Grear and seconded by Jake Hershberger to accept September 6, 2023 Treasurer Report. Voted unanimously to accept by all present Board Members.**
- c. Grants/Funding Committee Report was presented by Bill Knox (handout attached). Bill shared the information on the federal and state historical tax credit. At this time the theater qualifies for the 20% federal credit—noncompetitive. The Ohio Credit is very competitive and would require legal restructuring. Bill's suggestion is to contact Baker Hostettler (Cleveland, Ohio), Bricker Graydon (Columbus, Ohio), and Keating Meuthing & Klekamp (Cincinnati, Ohio) via a general letter for feedback and get guidance and direction from these groups.

There will be a meeting on 9/18/23 to discuss the possibility of forming Appalachian or Ohio Historic Theater Association. The fundraising committee meeting has been scheduled for Friday, September 15, 2023 at 8 am in Bill's Office. Bill added that State Senator Don Jones had planned to attend the VIP reception but due to unforeseen circumstances was unable to do so. He may want to attend a theater meeting in the future if the group would deem that appropriate.

- d. Events Committee Report was presented by Kathy Batts, Chairman of Events Committee reported that the VIP reception by all accounts was a success with approximately 42 attendees. September 17, 2023 will be the last concert of the summer concert series with another performance by The Shuman Band. To date the Events Committee has raised \$3,243.25 with food sales, raffles, and donations received during the Summer Concert Series. For the Pumpkin Festival Kathy explained they would plan to have a one-day only event. On Wednesday, September 20th from 5 pm to 7:30 pm. This is the same evening as the Giant Pumpkin Weigh In event. With little to no food trucks operating that evening, the Events Committee will hold a bake sale, sell drinks, have a photo op spot, a lottery board raffle, sell fall flags, hold theater tours and, of course, have donation boxes, rendering and our progress board displayed. Kathy will complete the Special Events Liability Application for insurance needed to hold the pumpkin festival event in the west courtyard. Kathy reminded the Construction Committee that the United Way Day of Caring is September 13, 2023 if they can utilize the group. Scott said they have Maddi Seavy's contact info and would follow up with her. The Events Committee will also be discussing and potentially planning events through the fall and winter as a way to bring in some additional funds.
- e. Social Media/Website Report was given by Kathy Batts with the information provide by Jake Hershberger that Facebook has 1,227 followers, Instagram has 18, Website had 202 hits, Twitter 7, Google 189 (with 145 searches for directions and 145 unique visits).
- f. Venue Committee Report-Luke Johnson stated nothing to report at this time.
- g. Construction Committee report was provided by Jake Hershberger who reviewed the roof report and went over all the issues individually. (Report attached) Jake and others personally went onto the roof to assess with Erwin Byler. Erwin addressed all questions and issues as detailed in the report. Erwin also suggested a one-year inspection would be advised, but we can do inspections intermittently as we see fit ourselves. Jake discussed the drain issues in the stage pit and said they are not in great shape. He advised that we may need to spend a little more money in order to get to the main sewer line. Steve Hill asked if a camera was being utilized and Jake reported that it had been but that the line is collapsed enough that the camera cannot be utilized. More investigation will be needed to see where the drains go. The cost will be in busting up the concrete, using a camera, getting to the main line and repairing. Larry Cain has also volunteered for the Construction Committee. Dave Ralston reported that he had a

conversation with Richard and Janie Pryor with Buckeye Steel to determine what needed to be repaired and replaced in the theater. At a scheduled meeting, Richard was not available and Dave has not been able to reschedule. We may need to evaluate locating another company to assist. Scott Gallagher met with Miles Jefferis and Jimmy Wells to discuss temporary electrical solutions. Several temporary electrical drops would be needed in order to hold events in the short term. Pricing for this will be forthcoming.

III. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Nomination Committee Development/Structure- Bill Knox advised the Nominations Committee meeting has been scheduled tentatively for September 19, 2023. Bill is also suggesting that the board members be sequenced so as to not have a full board turnover at once.
- b. Bidding Process temp opening construction projects, etc. discussion was led by Roger Johnson who stated that anything 5K or greater would require multiple bids. Rose asked what course of action we would take if we could not get multiple bids. This discussion will be continued to determine how to proceed.
- c. Roof Update (See more info under Section II.g under Construction Committee Update)
- d. Building Inspection Report from MSA 6/2/23 was received and emailed out to all directors. He spoke about the beams that are corroded that would need removed and replaced, that electrical would need to be started from scratch due to high electrical load needed for a theater (lighting, sound, etc.) Roger indicated that for some of the preliminary events, lights could be strung inside for temporary lighting.
- e. Theater Seat Storage-It was discussed that the theater seating that has been stored will need to be moved to into the basement during the pumpkin festival and a new location will be needed for storage in April. Rose Grear asked Jake Hershberger how soon the chairs could be used in the theater and he indicated that all depends on the drain issues and it is difficult to determine that yet.
- f. Parade Float idea that Jacquetta submitted was discussed about having an antique car and movie playbill with sign about going to movies. Jake, Scott, Steve and Karen Hill volunteered for the project. Jake has filled out our entry form for the parade we will be in need of candy donations for the route.

IV. NEW BUSINESS – Steve Hill mentioned that Donnie Samples had asked about the theater and remembered that as a child he used to try and count how many bulbs were in the round medallion on the ceiling. He asked if he could tour the theater. We hope to schedule a tour with him and possibly record some of his stories.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT- no comments.

VI. NEXT MEETING -Roger Johnson encouraged everyone to try to attend the concert at the Barnesville Memorial Park on September 17th at 5 pm. The next board meeting will be held Tuesday, October 10th at the Library Annex and will begin at 5 pm.

VII. ADJOURNMENT - **MOTION: to adjourn September 6, 2023 meeting was made by Roger Johnson and seconded by Jake Hershberger at 6:05 pm.**