

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Thursday, March 9, 2023

Present in person: Heinrich Strauch, Mary Sue Price, Hester Greene,
Dan Hust, Jane Roth, Ariel Shanberg

Present on zoom: Jeff Allison, Leif Johansen, Rachel Gordon

Dan Hust, Board President called the meeting to order at 6:38pm.

Opening Remarks by Board President

Based on conversation with Ben Johnson, Supervisor Town of Tusten. Town Board has agreed to appraisal of Town Hall: considering expanding Town Hall at current location; will not affect Tusten Theater. Discussion, initiated by Mary Sue, ensued re: during the appraisal process DVAA identify projects needed to be done to improve the theater. Ariel and Dan will monitor the Town Hall process providing information to the Town Board as needed.

Review of Minutes from February 9, 2023 meeting

Minutes of the February 9 meeting were reviewed. No changes made. Mary Sue made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Heinrich. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Executive Director's Report-full report distributed to the Board prior to the meeting. The following are highlights.

*2023 Winter Salon Series started. First event rescheduled for April due to inclement weather.

*DVAA awarded 2023 Legislative Discretionary Grant of \$40,000

*Search for Development Associate and Performing Arts Manager continue. DVAA will fill both positions if suitable candidates identified

* Ariel and Kacy have identified 2 groups as potential replacements for Jen Watts, web developer and maintenance contractor. Selection to be finalized by end of March.

* Lapsed member phone-a-thon has brought in at least \$1500 in lapsed memberships

* Membership database corrections have been completed.

* Tusten Chamber of Commerce members continue to advocate for more programming in the Tusten Theater. Ariel reported Theater is rented to Chamber for a fundraising event Memorial Day weekend.

- * Spring and Summer Tusten Theater programming underway-lineup to start in May with encore performance of Zoe Comes Home.
- * Planning for new program of Retro Cinema Nights at the Tusten is underway in conjunction with Frederich Twomey (Bar Veloce) and Karl Wasner.

Treasurer's Report full report distributed to the Board. The following are highlights

- *no major issues or fiscal concerns identified
- *resolution to convert DVAA from FY ending 6/30 to calendar year ending 12/31. Jeff Allison made a motion to approve resolution, seconded by Rachel Gordon. Resolution unanimously approved by the Board.
- * FY 2023 Financial Scorecard shows 6.5 months of cashflow once DVAA receives NYSCA grant of \$123,229 and Sullivan Cty grant of \$25,000.

Committee Reports

***Executive Committee**

Revised bylaws presented to Board. Robust discussion ensued including some wording changes and formatting issues which were agreed to in the meeting and the changes made. Of particular note is the question of term limits for Board members and the frequency of Board meetings. Dan Hust proposed developing a revised Board Meeting schedule based on the discussion about frequency. Board members agreed the Executive Committee should meet to further discuss the term limits issue. Dan will schedule an Executive Committee meeting.

***Board Development**

Nothing to report

***Program Committee**

Nothing to Report

***Fundraising Committee**

Planning for Collectors' Closet underway

Planning for The Starling event continues; design for marketing material nearing completion.

Old Business

No old business was discussed

New Business

Ariel reported there is an immediate need to replace staff computers. Approach to previous donor has not produced. Dan will be approaching Board members re contributions to finance purchase of new computers.

A motion to adjourn was made by MarySue and seconded by Rachel. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.