

Opera House Board Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 10:00 am via Zoom

Present: Mary-Carel Verden, Bill Brehm, Mayor Tim Swadley, John Beutel, Jill Patterson, Jim Borling; Lisa Reeves, John Beutel, Pat O'Connor

Absent: Jonathan Lewis

Staff: Victoria Flynn, Julie McDougall

1. The meeting was called to order by President Verden--10:01 am.
2. Motion to approve October 19, 2021 Minutes by O'Connor, second by Beutel--10:02 am.
3. Director's Report, Brehm—10:03 am.
 - A. Brehm submitted the 2020 CACP Report to the CACP Committee.
 - B. The first show back was on September 16. We ended the year at a good place relative to the pandemic.
 - C. Grants were important to act as an economic conduit between the Opera House and the artists, contracted crew, rental agencies, etc.
 - D. The Lounge will be getting stage lighting and a P.A. system this month.
 - E. We ended the year in the black and were able to pay off the deficit that built up over the past ten years.
 - F. Brehm was hoping to revisit the vaccination policy over winter break, but with the current surge, the policy will stay in place through the end of the season.
 - G. SOHFA has about \$50,000 in matching funds available for the \$100,000 chair upholstery project.
 - H. The new flyer will be going out the first week of February.
 - I. Most of the spring shows are new. Sales should pick up by the end of February.
 - J. The Lounge opens a lot of possibilities for events. It may be possible to have the Lounge open before the Music Appreciation programs.
4. Financial Report, Borling—10:28 am.
 - A. There has been a lot to keep up with through the end of fall.
 - B. The report is still a work in progress as the budget hasn't been verified with Brehm yet.
 - C. There is usually a column to allow for comparison between the current season and the previous season, but there were no shows in 2020.
 - D. \$95,000 in Memberships is great considering the current climate.
 - E. The +\$65,000 Fund Balance is an accumulation of all years since the Opera House has been reopened.
5. SOHFA Report, Brehm—10:38 am.

- A. SOHFA continues to sell the refreshments in the Lounge.
- B. Eric Frankson has been using QuickBooks to track sales.
- C. SOHFA is working on getting someone to update the website so it can be used for the theater chair campaign.
- D. Catfish is on the table for July 2022.
- E. There may be some higher level sponsorships to bring in bigger names.

6. Move to adjourn by Beutel, seconded by O'Connor—10:44 am.

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