

Opera House Board Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 10:00 am via Zoom

Present: Mary-Carel Verden, Bill Brehm, Mayor Tim Swadley, John Beutel, Jonathan Lewis, Jill Patterson, Jim Borling, Pat O’Conner, John Beutel, Lisa Reeves

Absent: Jim Borling, Jonathan Lewis

Staff: Victoria Flynn

1. The meeting was called to order by President Verden--10:05 am.
2. Motion to approve March 15, 2022 Minutes by Beutel, second by Reeves--10:06 am.
3. Director’s Report, Brehm—10:07 am.
 - a. Shows are going okay. They are more lightly attended than shows last fall.
 - b. Music Appreciation went well. Collected donations were given to SOHFA for the chair fundraiser.
 - c. There aren’t too many shows left before the end of the season.
 - d. Catfish River Music Fest is moving forward. It feels like starting from scratch.
 - e. SOHFA has so far raised \$20,000 for the chair fundraiser. They will start making phone calls to potential donors.
 - f. SOHFA also applied for a grant from the Bryant Foundation.
 - g. The chair project should start June 28th to be finished by August 23rd.
 - h. We had a deficit in the fund balance before the pandemic. The grants we received helped dig us out of that hole.
 - i. The goal is to book a solid season and get the marketing together before Catfish.
 - j. We also have an eye on Art Walk at the end of September.
4. Financial Report, Brehm--10:15 am.
 - a. There was \$43,000 in the fund balance before the transferred the \$195,000 subsidy.
 - b. There has been an increase in donations.
 - c. Several shows have been rescheduled from spring to fall 2022.
 - d. Taj Mahal didn’t get moved to the new season. Instead it will have expenses that will show up as an immediate loss.
5. SOHFA Report, Brehm—10:21 am.
 - a. The lounge is breaking even as people are becoming more aware of it.
 - b. The stage lighting for the lounge is expected in May. ETC is waiting for microchips to come in from China.
 - c. We expect to hear from Bryant regarding the grant application by the third week in May.
 - d. Brehm needs to get the Catfish packet together in time for the Public Safety Meeting.
7. A motion to adjourn was made by Reeves. Second by Beutel--10:27 am.

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Respectfully submitted, Victoria Flynn