

Athenaeum Foundation
Board Meeting
Director's Room/Rathskeller
January 27, 2010

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Denise Barkdull at 11:15am
Those present included: Denise Barkdull, Bill Witchger, Steve Wagman, Wayne Schmidt, Glenn Bosch, Patrick Dooley, Tina Connor, Giles Hoyt, David Kingen, Buddy McCart, Charles Kennedy

Emeritus: Dr. Carl Spath

Staff: Cassie Stockamp, Jim Gould, Marianne Isaacs, Kevin Gierman

Development Committee Report

Moved to the top of the agenda.

Bosch led a discussion about board stewardship: we need to make sure we're appreciating those who make donations with phone calls. We also need to make sure we're attending development events at the building and bringing people.

The minutes of the prior meeting were approved.

Finance Committee Report

Wagman presented the final 2009 balance sheet for approval. Losses were not as great as we had expected and we ended the year with a loss of \$48,000.

Wagman presented the 2010 budget for approval.

A motion was made to approve the 2009 financials. It was seconded and a vote was taken. The motion was approved unanimously.

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Governance Committee Report

Stockamp led a discussion about membership and the concerns with keeping it in place as it currently exists. The proposed solution was that we change the by-laws so that existing lifetime members would maintain their status, but future donors would be put into donor categories. The discussion was shelved for a later meeting so more details could be ironed out.

Communications/PR Committee Report

Connor gave an update about the branding effort that is being pursued. Amy Lemen, a community volunteer who is donating her time as well as a committee made up of a variety of people including tenants that is leading this effort.

Building Committee Report

Stockamp gave an update about the YMCA Lease and the financial components to improving their space. The YMCA has proposed a budget and is waiting to get final numbers back from their contractor.

Kingen led a discussion about the exterior signage package. The approved signage was reviewed as well as the signage pending approval. A discussion followed that we're hoping to have an interior signage plan in place by April. There was concern about reducing the Rathskeller's visibility and the specifics of the proposed exterior signage.

Stockamp gave an update about the Rathskeller's usage of the theatre and the rental agreement that's being negotiated. The proposed agreement is that the Rathskeller would pay \$1200 on weekends and \$800 on weekdays (per event) as well as increasing our percentage during theatre events to 15%. **At this point we are going to encourage them to counter-offer the agreement.** A discussion followed.

Old Business

Building Events

Stockamp reminded everyone that Karneval is coming up this weekend.

Stockamp encouraged people to keep the mission statement cards with them so they will know the mission statement and potentially memorize it.

Stockamp gave an update about the events scheduled for the theatre the rest of January and through February.

The next Trustee Meeting will be March 31 at 11:00 am.

The meeting was adjourned at: 12:22 pm.

Any deletions or mistakes to these minutes are not intentional.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Gierman