

Athenaeum Foundation
Board Meeting
Veterans' Room
July 24, 2013

Minutes

Board Members Present: Wayne Schmidt, Mary Ann Sullivan, David Willkie, Stephen Wagman, Gregory Hahn, Tina Connor, Giles Hoyt, David Kingen, Jerry Lamkin, Rich Rardin, Steve Yeager, Dan McMichael

Staff: Cassie Stockamp, Anna Price, Marianne Isaacs, Corey Behmer

Guests: Karin Ogden, Justin Wade

Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Wayne Schmidt at 11:08am. Meeting minutes from the May 22, 2013 meeting were approved.

Presentations

Karen from the YMCA gave an overview of current programs and services.

Justin Wade from YAT gave an overview of their growth and partnership with the A.

Finance Committee Report

Revenue is down \$15,000. Theatre income is down because we are going through a lull in theatre runs. Event income is up due to a fundraiser and \$17,000 was raised. Expenses are down substantially specifically with repairs and maintenance (down \$30,000). Overall income is \$20,000 positive v. an \$18,000 budget loss.

The financial report was approved.

Term Renewal

Board voted to grant 3 year renewal membership to Jerry Lamkin, David Willkie, Gregory Hahn, and Giles Hoyt. The vote was unanimous.

Accessibility Issues

A complaint has been made that an individual was not able to access the Bierrgarten. The board will explore handicap accessibility. The building code is being checked to see what is required of historical building. More information will be presented at future meetings.

Building

The Rotary lease is up next April and the foundation is suggesting new rates to bring their new lease up to current market rates.

The exterior sign will be installed in the next 2-3 weeks and the YMCA canopy will come down. Repairs that are needed will be made once the canopy is removed. All materials from the canopy will be recycled. In addition, two more bike racks have been installed in place of a bench.

The second installation of inscribed bricks has been installed.

Development

Multiple groups have approached the foundation to say they would be interested in booking with the theatre if the renovations and improvements were made, thus increasing the revenue of the theatre. Issues include sound, restoration of windows and tuck pointing. A pocket park is also being considered along the west wall. We have an aging demographic giving to the Athenaeum and it is essential to reach out to a younger crowd to donate and see the Athenaeum as a destination. A Young Professional Group has been created, and School tours are being considered to increase revenue.

The Lobby

To address the additional residential density being built on Mass Ave, the lobby redesign is underway. This project will be used by the Board as a fundraising primer for future fundraising efforts.

New Business

National Preservation Conference will be held on October 29- November 2. CEU credits are available. Three ticketed events are available in addition to the conference: candlelight tour of 8 private homes, silent Halloween with silent films, LGBT event and party, and closing party and the Columbia Club. The board should consider volunteering or signing up, this is the first time this event has been in Indianapolis. The opening party will be held at the Athenaeum.

The Vonnegut Library is looking for space if they lose their existing location.

Ben Solee and Time for Three will be performing in the Theatre from the ISO.

October 12 is GermanFest. Please volunteer.

Chamber is going to Cologne Germany and Cassie Stockamp has been approved to go.

The meeting officially adjourned.

Next Meeting: September 18, 2013.