
Friends of Platteville Municipal Auditorium Meeting Minutes

Members present:
Marilyn Gottschalk, Celeste Moore,
Jeremy Patnaude, Mike Willis

Date: 06/01/11
Time: 7:15 (Wednesday)
Place: Council Chambers
Last Meeting Date: 05/04/11
Next Meeting Date: 07/06/11

Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 4th Meeting (with minor changes)

Motion: Marilyn Gottschalk
Second: Mike Willis
Passed

Status

With President Cheryl Schmeider and Vice-President Patrice Steiner gone and Secretary Celeste Moore trying to take notes, Marilyn Gottschalk graciously agreed to chair the meeting. She followed the agenda prepared by Cheryl. Marilyn noted that only four people showed up for this meeting and expressed concern.

Discussion/Approval of By-Laws

The changes proposed to the By-Laws at the last meeting were reviewed for completeness. There was some discussion as to whether a group of four should vote on the By-Laws, but it was noted that they had been thoroughly discussed last time. A simple majority necessary to conduct business was approved by members attending then. A motion was made by Mike Willis to accept the By-Laws in their present form. Jeremy Patnaude seconded. The motion passed.

Public Relations Officer suggestions

The group discussed PR Officer possibilities from the initial contact spreadsheet made of the Friends on March 15, 2011. We'd like to suggest that President Cheryl Schmeider ask these people if one or more of them would be interested in becoming the Public Relations Officer. We recognize in advance their commitments may not allow it. Possible candidates include Summer Hamille, Gaile Schwick-wrath, Joanne Schlicher, and Cindy Voigts.

Membership and Contribution Forms

At the time the agenda was printed, we needed the Building Platteville post office box number to know where to send checks written to the Friends of Platteville Municipal Auditorium. Celeste Moore reported that Jeremy Patnaude came to our rescue by emailing the information. In addition, Duane De-Young left a message on her answering machine yesterday afternoon confirming the number. Marilyn Gottschalk suggested that Celeste insert acting and directing to the "interests" section of the membership form. With that addition, the two forms are considered complete and ready to post online for people to download and use. Celeste will make the necessary changes to the privacy policy to explain how we'll use the information we collect on members (legal necessity for information collected online), then post it.

Donation box

Cheryl Schmeider said that Summer Hamille put a box out but she didn't know where it was located, whether it locked, and who had the key (if there was one). Doug Mackie is making a box and Dorothy could provide a jar. With none of them attending, we decided to table the discussion.

Status of Community Fund Grant

Patrice Steiner submitted a \$2500 request regarding the **Southwest Community Fund Grant**. Apparently it was turned down because we lacked too much financial information on the application. The most troubling reason given was that since the Auditorium is owned by the City, the City should submit future applications. Marilyn Gottschalk will make inquiries why the application was denied and see what we can do to rectify this.

Questions for Rich Hall, former director at the Grand Opera House

Rich Hall offered to answer questions we had on setting priorities if Patrice collected the questions. After some discussion, we decided that we'd have a better idea of the priorities of rebuilding this particular theatre than someone who wasn't familiar with it. No questions at this time.

Upcoming fund-raising events

Robin Timm sent an email to members suggesting that musician Fran Felton would like to help. Last time, Kerry McCabe mentioned that Tony Hubl's band would be interested in playing as well.

Mike Willis said he has volunteers for his play 'The Eleventh' and has booked the auditorium. He also has high school actors preparing for competition. They will have a play ready called 'Wherefore art thou, Romeo?' about a casting director with a dearth of Romeos. If PCT sponsors the one act and handles publicity and admission, the cast and crew would be willing to donate anything in a free-will collection to the Friends.

The Driftless Market has a donation box with contributions going to local causes. Robin Timm is the person to discuss getting proceeds from one of the collections.

Aluminum can collection is another potential source of funds.

Hosting a spaghetti supper would be a painless, inexpensive way to raise money as well.

Phil Mrozinski attending our July meeting

Phil Mrozinski, of Mineral Point Opera House, will attend our July meeting at 8:00. Phil has a meeting he must attend the first Wednesday of every month, but it meets at 6:00 while the Friends meet at 7:00. Scheduling him in the later half of the agenda means he's able to attend part of our meeting. Mineral Point got a large donation, the city pitched in and a Janesville organization, the Burris Foundation, also provided funds. It is felt that Phil understands fundraising.

Roundtable

Celeste Moore wanted to add Jeremy Patnaude the **Prioritization of Improvements/Upgrades Sub-Committee**. Mike Willis agreed he would be a good addition and Jeremy was willing. He's now on board.

Adjourn (at 8:10 pm)

Motion: Celeste Moore

Second: Jeremy Patnaude

Passed.