
Friends of Platteville Municipal Auditorium Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Dick Davies, Marilyn Gottschalk, Doug Mackie, Kerry McCabe, Celeste Moore, JoAnne Schlicher, Mike Schmieder, Patrice Steiner

Date: 5/9/12**Time:** 7:00 (Wednesday)**Place:** Municipal Auditorium**Last Meeting Date:** 4/11/12**Next Meeting Date:** 6/13/12

Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 11, 2012 meeting (with revisions)

Motion: Marilyn Gottschalk

Second: Kerry McCabe

Conduct Vote – President and Treasurer

Current office holders were unopposed.

Kerry McCabe nominated and JoAnne Schlicher seconded Cheryl Schmieder as President.

Motion passed.

Marilyn Gottschalk nominated and JoAnne Schlicher seconded Doug Mackie as Treasurer.

Motion passed.

Congratulations to Cheryl and Doug!

Membership Dues

May is the time of our yearly Membership renewal. We need dues from current members this month. Membership forms were handed out by Celeste Moore.

Kerry McCabe suggested we place an ad in the Platteville paper, telling people of our current push for members. JoAnne Schlicher will place the ad. Kerry McCabe also suggested that Celeste place a form for downloading on the Facebook page. We'll see if Sandye Voight can add the membership form to the TH article she's writing. (She is reporting on the completed painting project.)

Financial report

Treasurer Doug Mackie said we still have \$2436.01 – no updates. President Cheryl Schmieder passed along a reminder to keep track of hours for in-kind "donations" to use as matching funds.

**Painting Update**

Rock Church Construction started work on Monday, April 16th on preparing the auditorium for painting. There were a number of repairs needed to the plaster. Painting was completed this week. The auditorium looks, clean, bright -- and color coordinated. We'd like to send a thank you to the Rock Church Construction Company for their exceptional workmanship.

Dick Davies said he and Mike Schmieder will be remounting the lights on the balcony railing and placing the wall pictures and plaques on the back wall before May 19th when Summer Hamille's dance students have their recital.

Sandye Voight interviewed (and recorded) Patrice Steiner and JoAnne Schlicher for the Dubuque Telegraph-Herald on the completed painting project this afternoon. Sandye would like to get pictures of the stage being used by TH photographers, but the weekend of May 19th is going to be busy for them. She'll see what she can do. There is no firm date for publication at this time.

City-wide garage sale

Patrice Steiner reminded us that the Friends of Platteville Municipal Auditorium will be taking part in the city-wide garage sale on May 12 from 8-5. She would like people to help man the sale on Saturday. Set up will be on Friday. She would appreciate tables for display. Patrice will get change from the bank.

What's Next?

Lights/Sound

We need inventory of current lighting equipment as an old inventory is out of date. This can be started as Dick Davies and Mike Schmieder put the lights back up on the balcony railing.

We will eventually need the entire light booth to handle both lighting and sound. Parks and Recreation currently uses half of it. Is there an alternate place the city could store this equipment? We'd like to be able to open the front of the booth to create a window for the tech crew. A roll door would provide security for the equipment when it isn't being used.

Sound would require amps and a speaker array. We'd also need sidewall speakers for even sound distribution. Initial costs would not include wall treatment (sound tiles, curtains, etc). Due to the size of the project, Dick suggested that we make sound installation the big goal for Spring 2013.

Stage floor

Tongue-and-groove ¾" plywood over the top of the current stage is probably the best alternative. The ruts are too deep to grind down, and there are embedded nails that would be difficult to remove. The black paint to cover the plywood was purchased by PCT some time ago. Estimated cost is between \$1000 and \$2000. In earlier discussions, Mike Humke of Theatre of Ballet Arts offered to do the work.

Dick Davies suggested we do this task over the summer when the auditorium is usually too hot to use. He pointed out that if the Friends donated \$500, PCT \$500 and Theatre of Ballet Arts donated \$500, we could do it without digging into Graham Fund monies.

An anonymous benefactor immediately stepped forward to offer \$500 to PCT. PCT treasurer Mike Schmieder, who happened to be attending the last part of the Friends of PMA meeting, agreed to match it. The amount should be enough to get us going on the floor immediately.

Thank you!

Fund raising ideas

Open House – Party in the Park

We still plan to use Party in the Park to hold an Open House/Grand Reveal to show off the new improvements to the Municipal Auditorium. We can offer food, displays regarding the history/renewal plans, tours, membership information, and contributions forms. Need forms and signs. For wine and cheese offerings we may want to look at Sherman's Cheese and Family Beer and Liquor Store of Dubuque. Perhaps Rosalie Morgan could give us mood music. Nobody interested in chairing yet.

Community Theatre play

Kerry McCabe is still interested in directing the trio of Mae West plays this fall.

Round table

Dick Davies reminded us that we need to see when the stage curtains are due to be fireproofed again.

Dick Davies was also wondering if PCT could store items in the old Thrift Shop area of the Municipal Building basement. They would only need an area 10' by 10'. Marilyn Gottschalk wants to talk to Howard Crowfoot about various subjects. We'll approach him then.

Adjourn at 8:02

Motion: Celeste Moore

Second: Kerry McCabe