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# Friends of Platteville Municipal Auditorium Meeting Minutes

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**Attendees:**

Dick Davies, Marilyn Gottschalk, Kerry McCabe, Celeste Moore, JoAnne Schlicher, Cheryl Schmieder, Patrice Steiner, Robin Timm

**Date:** 12/12/12**Time:** 7:00 (Wednesday)**Place:** Council Chambers**Last Meeting Date:** 11/14/12**Next Meeting Date:** 1/9/13

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**Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 14, 2012 meeting****Financial report**

Treasurer Doug Mackie was not in attendance, so once again there was no report.

We are in desperate need for organization and accountability in our financial affairs.

Doug took the job of treasurer under pressure. Despite his willingness to help us when we were shorthanded, it has become very clear that Doug's schedule is far too full to make it to meetings. He made one meeting in the last twelve months.

After watching Doug struggle to fulfill his obligations as treasurer, it has been our reluctant conclusion that we need to find another way to handle the treasurer's job. We've discussed our financial situation with Jayne Dunnum and she's agreed to help take over the duties of treasurer.

Patrice Steiner moved that we thank Doug Mackie for acting as treasurer during this difficult time, but ask Jayne Dunnum to accept the position of treasurer for the Friends of Platteville Municipal Auditorium. Marilyn Gottschalk seconded. The motion passed.

In a meeting scheduled on Monday, Cheryl Schmieder, Celeste Moore and Jayne Dunnum discussed our financial needs. Jayne has agreed to help tabulate in-kind hours, keep track of donations, and organize memberships. She is hunting for a financial spreadsheet program like Quick Books to help with the accounting and organization.

**Donation Button on website/separate account or Dupaco "Municipal" account:** Since a separate account might cause issues with our non-profit status, Cheryl Schmieder has been trying to email Mike Moran for the Dupaco account number. He has not responded.

**Sound/stage floor/storage:**

Cheryl Schmieder recounted her meeting with Howard Crofoot regarding our storage needs and our audio installation plans to those who hadn't heard the outcome.

Howard Crofoot wants more details about the electrical part of the sound installation. He wants to meet with Dick and Scott to discuss why a larger hole is needed in the projection booth. He would like to details on electrical requirements and expenses. Cheryl will try to set up a meeting with Howard and bring in Dick and Scott to explain the technical side to Howard. It was reiterated that we would like to avoid putting this job out to bid as the process of collecting the Bid Specs would get very expensive.

Dick Davies reminded us that Lifeline is very busy with installation projects. Even with City approval, it will take some time to get the auditorium on Lifeline's schedule, perhaps as much as a couple years.

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### **Future Events/Fund-raising**

**Variety show:** The email invitations didn't work. No one has responded to them. We need to contact acts directly. Kerry McCabe and JoAnne Schlicher will help Robin Timm and Marilyn Gottschalk get acts lined up. Celeste Moore will help with the publicity. Mike Schmieder will do lights. Dick Davies will MC the event. Since it was a bad time for the university, the date has been changed from March 20ish to Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. We'd like to have 12 acts and one rehearsal.

#### **Acts suggested were:**

- Holy Rollers (Kerry McCabe is the contact)
- SABA (Patrice Steiner is the contact)
- Bob Nixon skit (Marilyn Gottschalk will direct it)
- Al Cordingly jazz (Kerry McCabe is the contact)
- Blue Notes (Robin Timm is the contact)
- Emma Wilson/Jordan Stombaugh (Robin Timm is the contact)
- Big Jim Larson comedy act
- Poet Laureate of Wisconsin, humorous poems (Kerry McCabe is the contact)
- Fran Felton folk music
- Young at Heart

**Grants:** Cheryl Schmieder informed us that we are still in the running for the Woodward Communications Grant for the entire cost of the audio installation.

**Hosted event:** Celeste Moore suggested that we promote the use of the auditorium by business professionals during the Historic Walk Down Main in the summer. She was thinking of something like a wine and cheese event, and having the theatre set up for business meetings to make professionals more aware of the auditorium.

### **January meeting?**

Cheryl Schmieder won't be here in January as she is attending the arrival of her second grandchild. She asked if we wanted to skip the meeting or hold it with Patrice Steiner chairing, focusing on the Variety Show. Members thought a Variety Show meeting was a good idea.

### **Roundtable**

Most topics attendees wanted to discuss were brought up during the meeting.

Other upcoming events in the auditorium were discussed. The Grant County Historical Society hosted a well-known Civil War speaker this fall. It was so popular that they plan to have him back next year.

Celeste Moore didn't have this on the list of auditorium events. The name of Arlene Siss was given to her as a contact for more information. Celeste needs to contact Arlene regarding the veterans' groups events as well.

Since one of the initial questions about renovating the auditorium was a question on how much the auditorium was used, we discussed how important it was to keep track of the use of the facility.

### **Adjourn at 8:00**