
Friends of Platteville Municipal Auditorium Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Marilyn Gottschalk, Ken Kilian, Kerry McCabe, Celeste Moore, Eileen Nichols, JoAnne Schlicher, Cheryl Schmieder, Patrice Steiner

Date: 6/12/2013**Time:** 7:00 (Wednesday)**Place:** Council Chambers**Last Meeting Date:** 5/8/2013**Next Meeting Date:** 7/10/2013

Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 8, 2013**Financial report:**

Treasurer Jayne Dunnum was not in attendance, but our funds have increased by \$375 due to a grant from the Platteville Community Fund and \$250 donated by the Prudential 'Hands for Service' award.

Donation Button on website: No connection with Duane DeYoung.

Community Fund Grant: Eileen Nichols presented the Friends of Platteville Municipal Auditorium with a check from the Platteville Community Fund to pay for production costs. Pictures were taken of the presentation.

Eileen reminded us that the Community Fund required mention of the fund in any publicity for 'The Stupid Economy'. They need an itemized list of expenses afterwards. We need to sign a contract to make it binding.

Sound/Stage Floor project:

Dick Davies and Howard Crofoot have set up a meeting with Mike Schmidt of Schmidt Electrical to discuss electrical installation prior to other work.

Update on Bid Process:

We don't need a bid for electrical work since it won't total \$5000.

Future Events/Fund Raising**'The Stupid Economy' – October 12, 2013****Wine/Appetizers**

Patrice Steiner has not received further word from Julie Klein from Benvenuto's regarding reception food. We will continue to offer this opportunity to Benvenuto's, but also extend the offer to Gina's. We'll see who responds.

Video Project/PACE

No changes. JoAnne Schlicher will contact Kevin Bernhardt at UW-P to see if the PACE program could provide material for 'The Stupid Economy' next fall.

Buy tickets online

Cheryl Schmieder said it would be easier to sell 'The Stupid Economy' tickets ahead of time if they were available online. Celeste Moore will check on account ties this would need if we went through PayPal. Might be able to use Municipal Building wireless within the building.

Festival of the Arts – July 27, 2013

Kurt Schlicher is willing and available to serve as photographer again this summer. We'll use the same basic set-up as last year. We need to enlarge last years' pictures to create posters. We need one advertisement ten days before and one just before the event, via the Chamber's advertising. We also need to reserve the building for that date.

Other Grant Opportunities:

Patrice Steiner will be writing up the application for the Grant County Tourism Grant. It is due in July.

Round table:

Writers' Workshop with Robert Wolf:

Marilyn Gottshalk has concerns that three days is more of a time commitment than most people can handle. It appears that the Friends would have to do all the leg work and publicity, plus pay Mr Wolf a fee that we can't presently afford. We're going to table this event for the time being.

Ken Kilian band:

Ken Kilian said he was interested in bringing in Classic Big Band music (WWII to Frank Sinatra) into the Municipal Auditorium. He would require a \$1750 fee for the 15 member band.

He has a number of different ideas to celebrate the music of the era:

PowerPoint with scrim (rental either from Millennium Cinema or elsewhere)

Demonstration of dances of the period (UWP Swing Club - Ball Room Dancing)

Dick McGrane was suggested as a narrator for the demonstration.

We have in mind a 3:00 - 5:00 time slot the day before Veterans' Day (Sunday, November 10th). Ticket prices could be set around \$10. Perhaps nursing homes and/or the Senior Center would be interested in coming (talk to Connie Steinhoff). Have a 'Reserve this date' in 'The Stupid Economy' programs

We need to check auditorium calendar for availability and reserve it from noon to 7:00pm.

'Driftless Dreams' full production

Marilyn Gottschalk says she is thinking of hosting this production next spring, when there isn't much going on in the auditorium. It depends a bit when the sound work will be done.

'Church Basement Ladies'

Cheryl Schmieder said she might be interested in directing the play 'Church Basement Ladies'. She think it would be fun to combine it with a potluck in the Council Chambers. She doesn't know where to get scripts. Celeste Moore said her sister-in-law was involved in a production and she will ask her where to get the scripts.

Adjourn at 8:15