
Friends of Platteville Municipal Auditorium Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Marilyn Gottschalk, Ken Kilian, Kerry McCabe, Celeste Moore, JoAnne Schlicher, Cheryl Schmieder, Patrice Steiner, Robin Timm

Date: 1/8/2014**Time:** 7:00 (Wednesday)**Place:** Council Chambers**Last Meeting Date:** 11/4/2013**Next Meeting Date:** 2/12/2014

Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 4, 2013**Financial report:**

Treasurer Jayne Dunnum was not in attendance but sent an "in-kind hours" worksheet for people to complete via Robin Timm.

Cheryl Schmieder said she hasn't sent in the information to Eileen Nichols regarding the reimbursement by the Platteville Community Fund. Eileen says we have a year to complete the requirement.

Building Platteville update:

Building Platteville has sent us a letter saying that they are to be referenced on behalf of the Friends of Platteville Municipal Auditorium for grant purposes only at this point, not used as day-to-day financial bookkeepers. They want us to take control of our own funds and pursue our own 501(c)(3) status.

To that end, money has been transferred from Building Platteville to an account set up especially for the renovation of the auditorium by the Platteville Community Theatre (Platteville Community Theatre Restoration Project). This will allow us to write checks until such time as we get our own non-profit status and have our own account.

We need to look into the process of gaining 501(c)(3) status with the IRS for Friends of Platteville Municipal Auditorium. Marilyn Gottschalk said she thought former Platteville Community Theatre president Cindy Voigts looked into setting up non-profit status for that group. Celeste Moore said she'd check with Cindy to see what paperwork might be required.

It was hoped that perhaps Angie Wright might help us with this project as well.

Stage floor project:

Dick Davies was not present and we are not aware of any updates. At one point Dick said he anticipated getting the stage floor done in January 2014. We don't know if this is still planned. Patrice Steiner said two of the 'Thumbelina' ballet dancers fell due to ruts in the stage floor.

Ken Kilian Concert results:

Marilyn Gottschalk brought more sponsor checks. She's collected \$1800. We took in \$2581 with \$1750 going to pay the band. Splitting the proceeds with Ken Kilian means the Friends of Platteville Municipal Auditorium made \$415. Ken said he'd like to do it again. JoAnne Schlicher suggested doing another Veterans Day concert in 2014. Ken said he could arrange a performance on November 9th.

Asked for ideas for improvements, Ken Kilian said he hoped new lighting would make the ambience better. One problem that arose was lighting for the aisles as latecomers arrived. This was solved by turning on the lights at the back of the auditorium, but this spoiled the mood. Perhaps we could use LED rope lights to line the aisles.

Future Events/Fundraising:**Spring Solstice concert:**

Robin Timm said she had met a Yoga teacher/folk musician named Dan Erdman who was interested in coming to Platteville to share his talents. Robin would set up a basic Yoga class and also a folk music concert/Powerpoint in the auditorium at 7:00 on Saturday, March 22. Robin has already sent a list to Dick Davies about his requirements and Dick foresees no problems. Dan wants \$400, so our plan is to sell tickets at \$15. After we make \$400 for the artist, \$5 per ticket will go to the Friends.

Ken Kilian offered to help Robin set up tickets to sell ahead of time.

Dan Erdman normally calls his concerts "Oasis", but we suggested a name change to prevent confusion with the Oasis church group that meet on the same night in the municipal building.

Lights, additional sound:

Dick Davies told Cheryl Schmieder we need an updated lighting study by Lifeline before proceeding. However, Lifeline won't make one without a guarantee that we are in earnest about going forward. Cheryl suggested we show them the City's Capital Improvement Plan, showing the project is budgeted by the City in 2014.

As mentioned earlier, we should look into aisle lighting for the auditorium. Perhaps LED rope lights would work. Do we have the outlets we need for it?

Round table:

Marilyn Gottschalk is interesting in directing again, possibly 'Hate Mail', but wants a firm commitment for production support before pledging her own time.

Rex Darby, author of various 'Captain Billy and...' plays about life on the Mississippi River, might be a good playwright to check.

We need new people, especially with elections coming up. Patrice Steiner is leaving Platteville to move to Nebraska this summer. Cheryl Schmieder would like to step down as president, and we need a treasurer who can attend meetings.

Ken Kilian is willing to join us regularly. For that, we are most grateful.

Adjourn at 8:10