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# Friends of Platteville Municipal Auditorium Meeting Minutes

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**Attendees:**

Dick Davies, Cheryl Schmieder, Mike Schmieder, Patrice Steiner

**Date:** 4/8/2015**Time:** 6:30 (Wednesday)**Place:** Council Chambers**Last Meeting Date:** 3/11/2015**Next Meeting Date:** 5/13/2015

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**Meeting Minutes from February 4, 2015 and March 11, 2015 approved with revisions**

**Financial report:**

No report available.

Jump-Start or Kickstarter campaign was kept on the agenda as a reminder.

**501(c)(3) update:**

No change since last month.

**UW-Whitewater intern:**

No change since last month.

**Lighting upgrade status:**

We are in the process of replacing frayed electrical cords after Mike Schmieder got a shock while working with the old cords. The weights approved last time were installed but a few more are needed. This expenditure was moved, seconded and passed.

**What's Next?****Window expansion for the Sound/Light Booth:**

Larry Droessler made measurements. The good news is that there isn't any cement that will need to be removed. He suggested making two smaller windows to cut expenses. Support beams would not have to be as long.

**Seat numbering:**

No change since last month.

**Ticket booth remodel:**

Celeste Moore reminded group that the walls need to be patched. Money will need to be set aside for paint.

**Cupboards in the back of the auditorium:**

No change since last month.

**'A Christmas Story' – December 2015:**

'A Christmas Story' script is not available for performance.

Cheryl Schmieder suggests we look at presenting 'The Unexpected Gift', a Mike Willis Christmas play in two acts. It has a cast of four (two children) and some unusual props.

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**'Bingo the Musical' – Spring 2016:**

Cheryl Schmieder is still considering this, but doesn't know stipend amounts for musicians. Celeste Moore will ask area musical musician Susie Kittel Moore what the rates are.

**Round table:**

The Ticolini Circus has been booked for the auditorium on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. Despite a website and publicity showing animals, they have assured Monie Konecny that no animals will be taking part on the city stage.

A suggestion was made that we rename the Municipal Auditorium for Robert and Marian Graham because the Graham Fund was the monetary backbone of the revitalization project. Reluctantly, we decided not to pursue this idea as we're afraid it will de-emphasize the fact that the auditorium is a *community* space. Instead, we'd like to feature the Grahams (and our many other contributors of time and money) on a donor board inside the auditorium.

The photoshoot on Dairy Day got a better response than the photoshoot on Heritage Day. We would like to repeat it. Celeste Moore expressed concern about seeing the computer screens outside. If we move them inside the shelter, it should be fine. We'd like to start earlier, at 11:00, and end about 6:00ish. We need better signage and a better system for changing clothes.

Cheryl Schmieder also suggested 'Talk Like a Pirate Day' (September 19th) for pirate photo shoot.

**Adjourn at 7:30**