
Friends of Platteville Municipal Auditorium Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Kerry McCabe, Celeste Moore, JoAnne Schlicher, Cheryl Schmieder, Patrice Steiner, Mike Willis

Date: 7/8/2015**Time:** 6:30 (Wednesday)**Place:** Council Chambers**Last Meeting Date:** 6/10/2015**Next Meeting Date:** 8/12/2015

Meeting Minutes from June 10, 2015 were not approved as no minutes were available.

Financial report:

No change since last month.

An emailed explanation of the money available in the Graham Fund was sent to Patrice Steiner, but she found it confusing. Needs further explanation.

501(c)(3) update:

UW-Whitewater report recommended getting 501(c)(3) status. Kerry McCabe will inquire. George Curry is not interested.

UW-Whitewater intern:

The report was presented to Kerry McCabe. Members debated giving the report to the new city manager.

There were a number of suggestions. The primary recommendation was to get 501(c)(3) status. If this isn't attainable, we should probably concentrate on programming. Another suggestion was to create an executive director who would answer to the Board of Directors. This position would need to be reimbursed. We need a logo.

Lighting upgrade status:

Mike Willis proposed selling some of the old equipment. He doesn't want it back.

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

Dick Davies is exploring ideas.

Seat numbering:

No change.

Ticket booth remodel:

Patrice Steiner talked to Tud Bowdin about creating a sign for the box office window. The sign will be double-sided so it can be read from both directions. Tud suggested using "Tickets" rather than "Box Office", but we felt in a building where people went to pay parking tickets, there might be some confusion. We want "Box Office".

Start planning for Dairy Days photo shoot September 12, 2015:

We will be in the concession stand again. We decided to go with a green screen from Tina Davies. She can furnish us with scenic backgrounds from her photo collection. We will also have the bar scene/Victorian backdrops from last year. We will discuss what we need at our next meeting.

Storage – basement?

Cheryl Schmieder needs to entry to the basement to get the costumes cleaned out.

'The Unexpected Gift' – December 2015:

Need to confirm dates with Monie Konecny.

'Bingo the Musical' – Spring 2016:

We should look at grants to help with this production. A kickstarter funding campaign may be useful for it as well. We need to confirm stipend rates for musicians before doing this.

Adjourn at 7:35