
Friends of Platteville Municipal Auditorium Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Dick Davies, Marilyn Gottschalk, Ken Kilian, Kerry McCabe,
Celeste Moore, JoAnne Schlicher, Cheryl Schmieder

Date: 11/4/2015**Time:** 6:30 (Wednesday)**Place:** Council Chambers**Last Meeting Date:** 10/14/2015**Next Meeting Date:** 12/16/2015

Meeting Minutes from October 14, 2015 was tabled.

Financial report:

No changes.

Kilian's Classic Big Band Saluting Our Vets Concert – November 8, 2015 2:00-4:00

Set-up Time:

Ken Kilian is going to set-up after the last performance of *'Suessical: The Musical'* on Saturday, November 7th. He's not sure if Tri-State Homeschoolers are actually going to strike the set that evening or not, but he'll work with what he gets. He says he doesn't need help.

Show-up Time:

Since the show starts at 2:00, volunteers need to arrive between 1:00-1:30 to set up the ticket booth and concession area.

Miscellaneous concert details:

No baked goods will be offered, just water and free popcorn. Dick Davies will bring the popper and popcorn, Kerry McCabe will supply the water, lemons and dispenser and get it ready. Celeste Moore will bring a broom and dust pan. JoAnne Schlicher will help with concessions. Marilyn Gottschalk and Celeste Moore will help Cheryl Schmieder in the box office.

We will have a donation box out for Grant County Veterans Affairs on the concessions table.

Tud Bowden's concert sign from last year is in our ticket booth. This will also need to be set in place before the show. Note: Tud will be bringing the new permanent sign to go over our ticket window

We need to add gaffer's tape to the aisle lights so they won't be so bright. Cheryl Schmieder said she'd do this task.

Cheryl Schmieder contacted Jeremy Patnaude about providing us with a dropdown screen and heard the old screens went to Badger Camp. Badger Camp said they were willing to loan one to us, but it would take a long trailer to haul it. Mike Meier of Lifeline didn't have a projector to rent, but he did have a personal one he could loan us. We were not sure where we'd place the projector or whether we'd be able to fasten the dropdown screen to the bar. Since Ken didn't get many contributions of service photos, we decided to answer these questions by next year and do it then if we can. We really want a screen for talks, presentations and shows like this one. We're curious if Badger Camp would be willing to sell one of their screens to us.

Status of Christmas Show: 'The Unexpected Gift' (Dec 11th, 12th, and 13th)

Cast:

Shawn Steinhoff as Jack
Kori Hemming as Kate
Shaena Prestegard as Sarah
Dylan Prestegard as Johnathon

Props:

Need a couple people to track props down and bring them in.

Publicity:

Cheryl Schmieder is working on a poster. Celeste Moore will post it to the website. Marilyn Gottschalk will help distribute posters.

Sponsorship:

This is working well for the homeschoolers and Ken Kilian. This is a possibility to investigate for financing the Christmas play.

Update on Cheryl's meeting with Jack Luedtke from Main Street Program

501(c)(3) update:

Cheryl Schmieder had a meeting with Jack Luedtke from the Main Street Program. He says the IRS frowns on using one non-profit company to "umbrella" another. Jack suggested making the Auditorium group a *division* of the Main Street Program. We like this idea and want to look into further.

Concerts:

Cheryl Schmieder suggested we investigate extending 'Music in the Park' to the auditorium for the slow winter months. November and December are busy, but January, February and March are another matter. The band Renegade has offered to play for free. There may be others. She's not sure if weekly or monthly would be the best plan.

Signage:

Dick Davies noticed the three windows above the front doors. Perhaps we could turn those areas into lighted signs for the auditorium. Use one for show signs and the other for scrolling announcements that the City could use as well.

Miscellaneous items

Removal of the first row of seats in balcony:

No update. Just want to keep it in the minutes

Window in sound booth:

No update. Just want to keep it in the minutes

Seat numbering:

No update. Just want to keep it in the minutes

Ticket booth remodel:

No update. Just want to keep it in the minutes

'Bingo the Musical' – Spring 2016:

No update. Just want to keep it in the minutes

Round Table:

No topics were discussed.

Adjourn at 7:15