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# Friends of Platteville Municipal Auditorium Meeting Minutes

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**Attendees:**

Marilyn Gottschalk, Ken Kilian, Kerry McCabe, Celeste Moore, Cheryl Schmieder

**Date:** 1/6/2016**Time:** 6:30 (Wednesday)**Place:** GAR Room**Last Meeting Date:** 12/16/2015**Next Meeting Date:** 2/3/2016

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**Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 16, 2015.****Financial report:**

No change from last month.

**Winter Concert opportunities:**

Cheryl Schmieder talked to Jack Luedtke from the Main Street Program who runs the 'Music in the Park'. He expressed interest in the idea. It is a bit late to schedule anything for January, but scheduling musicians for February and March are possibilities yet. Ideally, we'd like to see this as an extension of 'Music in the Park' and handled by them.

Marilyn Gottschalk was wondering if the university would like to use the auditorium to present students' music and theatrical works. She'll contact David Schuler about the possibility of having students present a show in the auditorium.

**Spring Show - 'Bingo the Musical'**

The tentative dates for the spring show are April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>. The next step is to check the auditorium schedule with Monie Konecny to set the date.

The script calls for one man and five to six women, one to play a college-age woman. Royalties and the deposit will cost \$2895. We don't know if a CD is available or not. We will look into it since it would help cast members who don't read music well.

Ken Kilian asked Terry Dillon if he would be interested in taking part. Terry could do it before the first weekend in May, when he has prior commitments. We need another keyboardist and a drummer. Ken will scout around for them. We don't need a conductor. Summer Hamille has volunteered to help with choreography. Celeste Moore has offered to act as a stage manager.

It may be possible to find a grant to help with production costs. Perhaps Main Street Program could help securing a 501(c)(3) grant or with the grant writing. Kerry McCabe's sister, who writes grants, may have an idea where to find a \$5000 production grant.

Perhaps we could ask the Maquoketa, IA drama group about props such as a giant bingo board, rabbit feet and troll dolls. They recently presented the musical

Could we use bingo cards with business to raise awareness of local businesses and garner publicity at the same time? It is an idea.

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**Miscellaneous Updates:**

**Window expansion for the Sound/Light Booth:**

No change. Need tech input/estimate from Dick Davies.

**Ticket Booth remodel:**

Since we are committed to fixing up the ticket booth, we need to set up a clean-up date. We want to fasten a plate over the old outlet, clean-out and purge the space, and then wash it down in preparation for plastering and painting. Cheryl Schmieder suggested we also go through the props at the same time.

We scheduled Sunday, February 21 for clean-up. Painting both the ticket booth and the back cupboards will come later.

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

Cheryl Schmieder still needs to discuss details with Jack Luedtke about making the Friends of the PMA a division of the Main Street Program.

**First row of seats in the balcony:**

No change.

**Donated radio ads:**

Country Inn & Suites by Carlson is donating radio advertising time to the Friends of Platteville Municipal Auditorium. We need to discover the approximate time/amount they are donating. The contact person is Jen Casper.

**Round table:**

Kerry McCabe brought to our attention the tattered state of the skirt around the orchestra pit railing. It is wearing out along the top edge where people are sitting and stepping on it. Cheryl Schmieder will look at it and see what sort of sewing repairs can be made. We could also contact the manufacturer and see if it is under a warranty. Perhaps the skirting should be reattached on the underside of the railing to prevent it from happening again.

We discussed signage for the building. Ken Kilian was wondering about creating a signboard or marquee for the front of the building. Dick Davies had mentioned scrollers, lightboxes or LCD screens to mount above the doors. We need to discuss with the City what would be acceptable.

**Adjourn at 7:05**