
Friends of Platteville Municipal Auditorium Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Celeste Moore, Cheryl Schmieder, JoAnne Schlicher,
Connie Steinhoff

Date: 2/3/2016**Time:** 6:30 (Wednesday)**Place:** GAR Room**Last Meeting Date:** 1/6/2016**Next Meeting Date:** 5/4/2016

Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 6, 2016.**Financial report:**

Cheryl Schmieder raised \$146 on GoFundMe to offset some of the expenses of 'The Unexpected Gift'. Remaining expenses were covered by a private donation.

Prudential Insurance Company awarded Cheryl Schmieder and Friends of Platteville Municipal Auditorium \$600 for the improvement of the auditorium.

Clean-up/reorganization of ticket booth and storage in dressing rooms - Feb 21st

We plan to use February 21st as a clean-up/reorganization day of the storage in the dressing rooms and a clear out of the ticket booth in preparation for painting. We still need to reserve the auditorium to work on the back cupboards and the props area.

We'll need to pass the paint color with the City before painting the ticket booth. Celeste Moore will donate the paint, which costs around \$100.

Table 501(c)(3) status:

We overwhelmingly approved of tabling plans to gain our own 501(c)(3) status in order to work with the Main Street Program instead.

Spring Show - 'Bingo the Musical'

The spring show has been cast and the date for the first read-through has been set. In addition to the actors themselves, their experienced spouses are willing to help us with lighting and set construction and back-stage work. The cast was announced and follows.

Cast:

Minnie - Cindy Voigts

Sam - Tyler Tollefson

Vern - Laura Bayless

Patsy - Jennifer deCoste

Honey - JoAnne Schlicher

Bernice - Connie Steinhoff

Alison - Summer Padley

Main Street Program involvement:

The merchants are very excited about the Main Street Bingo game to help with raising awareness. They also suggest selling sponsorships ads in the program with merchant prizes for the audience participation games. They also offered to provide ushers, do concessions, offer Main Street businesses as ticket outlets, fix hair and make-up for recognition in the program and

their own advertising.

Grants/funding:

Main Street Program volunteered to write grants for us as they have grant writers.

Miscellaneous Updates:

Window expansion for the Sound/Light Booth:

On hold Need tech input/estimate from Dick Davies.

First row of seats in the balcony:

No change.

Curtain skirt:

The curtain skirt around the forestage is being pulled off the Velcro. Cheryl Schmieder will sew it back to the Velcro as she's able. The condition of the top of the skirt is very worn due to people sitting on the edge of the stage. It looks much worse than the rest of the stage curtain. A possible solution is to rehang the curtain under the bar, not above it.

Round table:

There was nothing brought up for discussion at this point.

Adjourn at 7:30