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# Friends of Platteville Municipal Auditorium Meeting Minutes

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**Attendees:**

Dick Davies, Ken Kilian, Lisa Kratz, Celeste Moore, Cheryl Schmieder

**Date:** 11/2/2016**Time:** 7:00 (Wednesday)**Place:** GAR Room**Last Meeting Date:** 10/5/2016**Next Meeting Date:** 12/7/2016

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**Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 5, 2016.****Financial report:**

There is some discussion as to the exchange of money for the recent improvements. Cheryl Schmieder will check on the status.

**Salute to Veterans Concert**

The Salute to Veterans concert will be on Sunday November 13<sup>th</sup>. Admission is the same as last year - \$10 general, \$5 for students, and free for vets. Celeste Moore has a temporary poster on the website listing details without the names of donors. Ken Kilian gave her the completed version of the poster. She'll replace the temporary poster shortly.

Ken's request for photos of vets didn't produce many, so he's *not* going to be projecting pictures on a scrim. As in past years, we will mount a flag above and behind the band. Ken would like to use Saturday evening as the set-up time for the band. Celeste will be there too, to check for batteries in the puck lights we use for the seats and get the ticket office ready. Cheryl Schmieder will drop off money for the cash box (in the ticket office) and the door keys.

We'll provide free popcorn and water, but leave a free-will donations jar out. Dick will get the popcorn started. We need to check on the available water bottles. Celeste will get the ice for the ice chest too.

Volunteers include Lisa Kratz, Celeste Moore, and Dick Davies. Cheryl Schmieder will send out an email soliciting help. Cheryl herself has a prior commitment and won't be available.

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

Dick Davies asked Paul Fields to take a look at our Sound/Light Booth window. To avoid moving an electrical conduit in the middle of the wall, he suggested making a matching window on the other side of the booth. The original movie projection inserts would remain. This would cost around \$4000, including plaster. We'd still need to provide matching paint to cover the plaster, which we can. Cheryl Schmieder plans on getting any asbestos information from Howard Crofoot so Paul can work on it.

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**'Steel Magnolias' production -- January 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>:**

'Steel Magnolias' has been cast. Director Cheryl Schmieder was able to find a nice mixture of experienced actors and newcomers. Rehearsals will start the week after Thanksgiving. Performance dates will be the weekend of January 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>.

Actor	Name of character
Abigail Beaty	Shelby
Laura Bayless	Truvy
Jean Pauls	Clairee
Amy Ressler	M'Lynn
Mittie Nimocks Den Herder	Ouiser
Linsey Reiter	Annelle

**Miscellaneous Updates:**

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

Months ago Dick Davies requested that we remove the front row of seats in the balcony. People were sitting next to the hot stage lights and, in some cases, kicking the electrical housing and bumping the fragile lights themselves. With the addition of more stage lights blocking the view, people have learned to avoid the front row. Dick feels the removal of the seats is no longer necessary. This item will be removed from our task list.

**Clean-up/painting of ticket booth:**

As stated last month, Cheryl Schmieder tidied up the ticket booth so the Tri-State Homeschool Drama Troupe could use it for their musical. Celeste Moore mentioned that it would be nice to have it redone in January. It won't be busy then, except for final rehearsals and the performance of 'Steel Magnolias'. Dick Davies suggested that if we called an electrician now, they might get it on the schedule before the weekend of January 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Round table:**

Amy Meissner of the Tri-State Homeschool Drama Troupe fixed the curtain skirt around the orchestra pit/forestage to hide the worn upper edge and prevent further wear. Formerly, a pleated edge was located in front and above the top of the forestage. This meant it received a lot of wear-and-tear as people sat on the forestage or dragged items across. The upper edge is now protected. The railing and the forestage were repainted black at the same time.

Amy also sewed a new traveling curtain in black velour, replacing the existing unsightly black canvas traveler that auditorium personnel have been using for decades. In addition, the Tri-State Homeschool group put up a solid muslin screen along the rear which they are leaving up for others to use.

The new curtains are in addition to the \$3000 Fresnel stage lights the Tri-State Homeschool team bought and installed upstage to even the general lighting in the performance area.

We want to thank the Tri-State Homeschoolers for their investment in the auditorium and hope they continue to make the Platteville Municipal Auditorium their home for staged events in the future.

**Adjourn at 7:25**