

## **Minutes of the Newberry Opera House Foundation Board**

Date: Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> 2021

Time: 4:30

Location: South State Bank Board Room

Board Members in Attendance: Les Hipp, Tom Pope, Luke McCormack, Rob Summer, Bob Shirey, Susan Wessinger, Peggy Barnes-Winder, Foster Senn, Jack Shields, Robert Matheson, Morrie Scherrens, Mattie Dillon, Joe McDonald,

Board Members Not in Attendance: Jim Suber, Matt Dewitt

Administrative NOH Staff in Attendance: Molly Fortune, Megan Shealy, Anne Smith

Call to Order: Les Hipp called the meeting to order at 4:30pm and noted quorum present.

Minutes: The minutes from the February meeting were approved unanimously.

Executive Committee and Executive Director: Molly Fortune and Les Hipp updated everyone on all the reports, Boston Butt fund raiser for the guild, updates from previous Executive meeting, Program updates, Beyond the Tower and Staff updates.

Development Committee and Director of Development: Tom Pope and Anne Smith reviewed previous Development Committee meetings and updated fundraising efforts, Newberry Parks for All, and Sponsorships. The grants have been good so far. There was a motion by Bob Shirey to review the Endowment accounts it was 2<sup>nd</sup> my Morrie Scherrens and passed unanimously.

Financial Committee and Business Manager: Susan Wessinger, Jack Shields and Megan Shealy discussed the program dates and how the budget will be affected. Also, they reviewed account history from First Community Bank. PPP forgiveness was discussed and the Gift Card Policy in regards to 2022. Robert Matheson discussed ideas about future outside venues such as First Friday and Park Jams.

Programming Committee: Rob Summer and Molly Fortune reviewed upcoming show dates and availability of artists. There were discussions around creating an outside venue connected with the Opera House. Robert Matheson discussed ideas about future outside venues such as First Friday and Park Jams.

Guild: Megan Shealy updated the Board on The Guilds behalf on donations and future fundraising opportunities.

Governance Committee: Foster Senn discussed potential candidates. Keith Avery has agreed to serve on the board and there was a unanimous vote to approve him. Joe McDonald brought up the importance of diversity going forward in future selections.

New Business: Molly updated the progress on the outside concert scheduled on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Yacht Rock and 1000 Horses are on the lineup so far.

Executive Session: There was a motion made to go into Executive Session, it was seconded and passed.

Conclusion: With no other business or announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm. Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at The South State Bank Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Luke McCormack