

Minutes of the Newberry Opera House Foundation Board

Date: Wednesday, May 26, 2021

Time: 4:30

Location: South State Bank Board Room

Board Members in Attendance: Les Hipp, Tom Pope, Luke McCormack (arrived later), Susan Wessinger, Peggy Barnes-Winder, Foster Senn, Jack Shields, Robert Matheson, Mattie Dillon, Joe McDonald, Keith Avery, Matt DeWitt, Vicki Wiseman

Board Members Not in Attendance: Jim Suber and Morrie Scherrens

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

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

Minutes: The minutes from the April meeting were approved unanimously after being amended to show Executive Session and no action was taken after Executive Session.

Executive Committee and Executive Director: Molly Fortune and Les Hipp updated everyone on all the reports, Program updates, Beyond the Tower, and Staff updates. The action was taken by the Executive Committee at the meeting on May 19 to include Anne's supplement within her entire salary. The current setup was causing tax issues.

Development Committee and Director of Development: Tom Pope and Anne Smith reviewed previous Development Committee meetings and updated fundraising efforts, Newberry Arts for All, and Sponsorships. Anne has exceeded the Fundraising Goal and also provided an update on Midlands Gives and the NAFA Under the Canopy concert. Susan Wessinger asked about Resilience and how it ran its course and this helped with the goal. The Strategic Retreat is August 21 and several campaigns will be discussed at that allotted time.

Financial Committee and Business Manager: Susan Wessinger, Jack Shields, and Megan Shealy discussed updates with one correction to the Treasure's Report by Megan. She noted changes over the last month and where we are with the PPP. Guild financials were sent to Megan for review. There will be a Reports meeting on June 3 at 2 pm and then Finance Committee on June 15 at 2 pm. All are welcome.

Programming Committee: Molly Fortune reviewed upcoming show dates, availability of artists, Beyond the Tower, and Staff updates including Rock the Tower and any challenges this past month. Tom made a motion to produce a letter from the board signed by all board members to thank the staff for the work these past 18 months. Second, made by Matt De Witt. Discussion: Matt recommended consideration to include a monetary thank you as well. The discussion was good and all agreed this could be done later as well. Motion passed unanimously.

Guild: Vicki updated on the check presentation at the May meeting of \$4000. The Boston Butt sale will happen before July 4th. Destination Newberry was discussed and new officers will begin their terms in July.

Governance Committee: matt provided an update on recruitment and the vacancy by Robert Summer. Discussion occurred around terms and candidates. All officers and candidates were discussed and voted on as to allow the City Council one Opera House agenda item at their June Meeting. The following motions were made independently of each other:

To present to the City Council for approval:

Steve Wilson to fill Robert Summer 2 year term- Unanimously

Liz Rivera for full-term- Unamioulsy

Keith Avery for his own term beginning July 1- Unanimously

Tom Pope for the second term- Unanimously

Joe McDonald for the second term- Unanimously (we are not sure he is up so this was a precaution)

The following officers were nominated and nominations from the floor were taken.

Chair: Jack Sheilds- Unanimously

Vice-Chair: Luke McCormack- Unanimously

Secretary: Tom Pope- Unanimously

Treasure: Susan Wessinger- Unanimously

Old Business: Please review the Foundation Handbook for the next meeting. Please send changes or concerns to Molly.

New Business: Adhock audit committee to be named by incoming Chair

Conclusion: With no other business or announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 23, at 4:30 pm at The South State Bank Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Fortune