

Date : April 19, 2022

Board members present:

x	Brad Story		Amanda Baker
	Robby Burt	x	Alex Night
x	Judy Kropp	x	Jered Biard
x	Bill Hays	x	Jessica Kropp
x	Rudi Timmerman, past pres.		Eva McAllister
			Makayla Kenyon-Ortiz
	Lamar Austin	x	Julie Ulmer

**Guests included:** Ann Glenn, Melanie Wade, Zeke McPherson, and Sierra Dickerson

**Secretary's Report:** The motion to approve the secretary's report was made by Julie and seconded by Alex, and motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** (current as of 4/19/22)

**Arvest (general fund)**      \$2230.17

**Union Bank (Building)**      \$14,901.75

**First Financial (concessions)** \$1396.29

Bill took \$1000 from Union Bank and put in the general fund to pay for royalties of Jered's play Monty Python's Educational Show. The transfer of money was approved by the board several months ago up to \$5000. **Correction: Bill paid \$1500 from Union bank for Monty Python and transferred \$1000. from concession account(First Financial) to Arvest**

**New Business:**

- Frank Bill, a local locksmith, has helped us many times has had a serious accident and asked if we could possibly help with his expenses. Brad set up a donation can.
- Melanie Wade, from the Chamber of Commerce, stopped by to tell us what our \$100. membership does for us.
  - They can help us market anything during that year
  - They will include our dates on the Chambers social media and in their weekly newsletter which goes to 700 people
  - They have networking opportunities available-monthly coffee plus other
  - Upcoming Events from the Chamber include:
    - Music on Main-South Mena Street May 20, military vehicles on display also
    - June will include Lum and Abner, and another Music on Main-North Mena Street
    - Christmas Parade

We should be aware of the 2024 Total Eclipse on April 8. The state as well as locally are preparing for an influx of 1.5 million people. We should start thinking now how we want to benefit from this.

- Ann Glenn and Brad are co-chairing Readers Theatre. They would like to not only perform on our stage but take it to Senior Center and Assisted Living Centers. This will be for all ages, not just the Golden Oldies.
- Zeke McPherson oversees the Crossing's Mena Street Block Party on May 1 in front of the theatre. Everything on the street will be free. The cast of Matilda will be performing. We will sell tickets from the office. Zeke asked if they could use the outside alcove for performing and possibly our lobby for a Green Room. Judy made a motion for that to happen, Jessica seconded, and it passed.
- The Constitution and By Laws have been reviewed and need to be approved by the Board before we can bring it before the General Membership. We will email those changes before the General Membership Meeting.

#### **Committees:**

##### **Artistic Director:**

- Posters for Matilda was distributed to Board members including places for them to be placed
- Please get the word out that Matilda is not just a kids play. It is a Broadway Musical!
- Matilda still needs hairdressers and makeup personnel. Also, Robby has declined to do lights, so Jessica is using high school students to prepare the lighting show.
- Box Office will need two lines- one for prepaid customers and one for those purchasing tickets. We will need 3 people per night-please let Amanda know if you can help!
- Needed: 2 Spotlights! One is useless and the other is dangerous. It runs too hot and workers get burned. It is also very noisy. I think we need to purchase 2 new spotlights and this cost is for years of shows down the road. \$1631.55 is the cost including tax. Julie made a motion to purchase two spotlights, Bill seconded, and the motion was approved.
- We will probably be purchasing a couple more mic packs for current and future shows.
- May 1- The Crossing is hosting a free afternoon -Mena Street Block Party. Our Matilda cast will be performing one of their tunes. Judy and Jered will be working a table to sell tickets to crowd members.
- One Saturday performance of Matilda must be rescheduled because of conflicts. We will go with a matinee show that day (May 14)
- Monty Pythons Educational Show will be considered a JOLT show. Auditions will be May 26 and 28. Performances will be July 29-31

**Burn the Mortgage** still have \$12 thousand to earn and would like to get this finished. Board members were asked to pick out 5 people they knew to send letters to. Letters were printed and addresses given out and will be sent out immediately.

**House:** Suite A has been rented to Logan Byrd. He has signed a 1-year lease. He paid for the doors that go between the two rooms and has had Vyve installed. He needs a small, electric, hot water heater. The Board authorized that we would take off \$25 month on the rent if we can use his Vyve internet connection which should even out our expenses.

**Membership:** Eva McAllister is resigning her board position and membership chair. She is moving. We will miss her help.

**Web Design/ Computer:** Alex has been scanning programs for the website. The membership renewals and complimentary tickets need to be updated, Alex will take care of getting complimentary tickets to the Pulse and Mena Star who get free commercial memberships for their continued support in advertising.

**Nomination:** Since we have the exact number of people running as we have positions; the vote can be taken by acclamation. Julie will have General Membership vote by acclamation on each individual. If we get nominations from the floor, then we will have to have ballots and vote by paper. Julie will have ballots ready in that case. She will ask Amanda and Makayla to help her count ballots if needed. Candidates will be asked to say a word before election. We will have our regular board meeting at 4. ***General Meeting is Wednesday, May 11@5pm***

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 pm with a motion from Jessica, seconded by Julie and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Kropp, OLT secretary