

HIAWATHA BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

September 6, 2023

Attending: Jeff Krebs, Julie Foster-Lindquist, Terri Bocklund, David Woods, Louise Anderson, Ann Fisher,

Attending via zoom: Jenna Hartom, Tom Dummer, Melinda Britton

Absent excused: Candice Blackstone-Larson

Breaking news from Julie: Dan Truckey resignation: Dan has decided to leave the Board as of today. We have a one-year vacancy in his place on the Board. We need to appoint a VP. **Board Action**: Ann accepted the challenge and will serve as Vice President for four months until the Executive Committee election in January.

Review August Minutes, these were approved by the board.

Treasurer's Financial Report and Visit with Bell Financial, Candice:

Bell Financial Update: \$92,231.62 (decrease of \$853.64)

Incredible MM #1: \$135,464.52 (made \$59.36 interest)

Incredible MM #2: \$17,656.87 (a whopping 77 cent increase)

Incredible Bank Checking : \$109,268.93 (decrease of \$32,467.99), lots of festival related items.

Julie: We had a meeting with Bell Financial, and Jesse Bell recommended staying on the path we're on for our investments. Treasurer's report was accepted, subject to audit.

OLD BUSINESS

Lease is signed! Three year lease has been signed, starting at \$1050, ending year at \$1200.

Policy for Non-Discrimination: Ann proposed three policies and will send out one for evote.

Security Concerns continue at The Fold: Terri is exploring Ring cams and service plans. **Board Action:** Terri is authorized to spend up to \$300 for a camera system for the Fold.

Turtle Tent Collaboration: we are going ahead with sharing this as long as it has a musical element and fits our mission statement.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Meeting change of date. We had to change the date to Friday Nov 3rd at Barrel & Beam because of a venue schedule conflict.

Social Media Campaigns for 2024 Publicity Art, Board Elections, Annual Meeting are in the works.

Feedback Open Mic (tentative name) for songwriter's open mic workshop- ready for primetime. Sue Demel wants to commit to HMC doing 3 sessions. We would like to move forward with this.

FARM, anyone interested? It's in October in Naperville. Looks like we will table it for this year as there are no Board members able to attend. Possible for 2024.

Free month of Affnetz software. We've been offered a free month of this workflow software for non-profits. Terri is interested in trying this. Tom suggests comparing three different software systems. Tom will help establish needs and work on getting software proposals.

Board Election Process/Timeline: we need to change the dates as we are a bit behind and update document on Nomination Procedures.

FESTIVAL

Festival Budget v. Actual Report, Terri presented the recent version of this work-in-progress.

Camping Fees - our site rental expenses vs. what we take in. Start of the discussion on this. Very large RV's are getting to be an issue and we may have to limit them or raise the pricing for these.

Tracking option for mailing Festival items... Wheatland offers mailing tracking as an added paid perk.

Number of reimbursements for forgotten Festival items doubled in 2023.

Move money from Grant Fund to checking, then an amount TBD from checking to Money Market? **Board action:** Approved that \$17,656.87 will be moved in this manner, less \$5 to keep the acct open, and also to move \$50,000 of checking to money market.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Festival In the Rearview - the sequel

- How much info do we want? Board would like detailed info.
- Festival Committee Wrap-Up and Doc, Terri says we had good participation in this and will circulate.
- Newsletter in the works—let's get it out soon to encourage Board Member applications.
- Credit Card/bank dispute from William Herzog and follow-through reported by Terri.

Awaiting notification of MACC Grant Award - 9/22 is the date

Teresa Edward 90-day Evaluation was taken care of by Terri.

Will team up with Heather to apply for GIG Grant

Updates to website—this is behind a bit

Dance Floor Rental—we need more coordination between the rental party and volunteer(s) for set up.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm. Respectfully submitted by Jeff Krebs, Secretary.