

Light Dinner at 5:00pm

Attending: ED Susan Divine, Katrina Keough, Susan Bertram, John Gillette, David Sprouse, Josh Thompson, Pearl Taylor, Lee Ossenheimer, Michael Reed present via telephone.

Absent excused: Jeff Krebs, Jose Garcia

Meeting convened at 5:30 called to order by Katrina

[Scheduled agenda was amended to accommodate Katrina's need to leave for family reasons]

Guest – Heather Picotte – Owner *Get Fresh Communications* – colleague of Melinda Britton volunteered 100 hours of time as grant writing consultant. She discussed a list of grants that would be matched to HMC purposes including MCMCA, Nat'l Endowment for the Arts to help fill needs for an office sound system, festival and event funding.

Approval of August Board Meeting Minutes - Katrina made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Sue B. Motion passed: 8 yeas

New Business

- A request from Marquette's Spectacular was discussed to have an HMC participate at this year's event on Oct. 12th. No action taken.

Old Business

- Jeff Dever and ¼ position (Discussed in closed session)
- Venue Naming Contest- Options that came in from members were discussed. Motion to choose "The Fold" as the name for the venue at the Hiawatha office was made by Lee. Sue B seconded. Motion passed with 8 yeas.

[Katrina left, Josh T. commenced meeting]

Guest – Marybeth Marin, attorney from Marin Law Firm, offered taking over as pro-bono attorney for Hiawatha Musics Coop. Need for a contract was discussed but all agreed that it was not needed since the service was pro bono. Motion (Sue B) to accept Marybeth Marin as new attorney for HMC. Seconded by Pearl. Passed: 7 yeas.

Treasurer's Report – Jose Garcia absent - Susan Divine reviewed the Festival Financial Report. This year's (2019's) net income was \$26,231.80 with some costs for extra T-shirts yet to be factored in.

3rd Quarter Financial Report - Susan projected the year-end expenditures as \$13,150 with an income of \$4,150 from Sept. to Dec. The idea to encourage people to increase their membership level at the annual meeting was discussed.

Old Business

- Fire Safety Update – Lee said he would put together a safety checklist for "The Fold" and look into installing the new door.
- Room Use – Slow Fiddle Jam began 9/10 with another on 9/24 and private use for yoga class 9/11 yielded \$75 in donations. Other possible uses were brainstormed
- Document for use of flat bed trailer and sound box - The need to talk with Marybeth Marin about drawing up contracts for rental/use of the trailer and soundboard power distribution box was discussed and Susan agreed to begin that process.

New Business

- Flatbed Trailer fundraiser - Board discussed adding to the \$1500 donation for the flatbed trailer by asking for donations on Facebook and through the website. Lee had a couple of ideas for donors to personalize a section of the trailer by painting it and adding to the trailer to expand its function, adding stairs and more stage space that fold out with a backdrop.
- Festival Artist in the Round- concern about questionable item - A piece of art that was on display at the festival was reviewed since there was a concern about its content. All agreed that the artist intended no ill-will.
- Festival budget recommendations for 2020 Festival – Susan D. reviewed the history of increases for main stage performer fees in the budget and proposed an increase to \$48,500 as well as a ticket price increase of \$5 and bringing parking pass prices up to \$100. Motion (Sue B) to make budget increases as proposed. Seconded -Pearl. Passed: 8 yeas (Katrina on speaker phone)
- Annual meeting planning – 4 Board members term expiring, 3 can run for a second term. The members with terms up were identified with no further discussion.

Director's Report - Susan D. sought approval to upgrade to Quickbooks Plus for \$555/yr. as it was necessary to perform office accounting functions. Motion by Lee to approve the Quickbooks upgrade. Seconded by David. Passed: 8yeas
NMU public safety had issue with early camper arrivals at the Jacobetti Center. Letting people know that they could be ticketed or towed was the solution.

Lee and Susan D discussed additions to insurance

A member suggested moving the Monitor meeting to Wednesday before the festival instead of Monday. There were no objections to

the idea.

Susan D proposed moving \$_____ from savings to checking for office expenses until the end of the year. Sue B made a motion to approve the transfer. Josh seconded. Motion passed: 7 yeas.

Doug Kitchel agreed to take on construction of the main stage taking over for Steve Kreigle. A need for a replacement for Children's Area coordinator was discussed.

Committee Reports

- Fundraising - Previously discussed
- Concert/Event - Master artists Paul Brown and Terri McMurray will hold a workshop at the PWPL introducing "The Round Peak Sound." Sue B. reiterated the fact that more participation on the committee was needed.
- Membership - window clings will be offered at the annual meeting and ideas for recruitment for committees was discussed.
- Education - Movie nights at the office was proposed but costs of licensure may be a barrier. John is working on editing interviews of main stage performers from this past festival.

Motion to adjourn at 7:54 by Josh. 2nd: Lee. Motion passed.

Submitted by sub-secretary - John Gillette