

Present – Julie Foster-Lindquist, Susan Bertram, Josh Thompson, Jeff Krebs, Melinda Britton, Candice Blackstone-Larson, Ann Fisher, Jenna Hartom Excused – Katrina Keough, Unexcused – Bobby Glenn Brown

Call to order 6:37pm

Minutes from last Board Meeting in June not available for review

Treasurer's Report given by ED Susan Divine in absence of Treasurer, KKeough

\$105,638.20 currently in Bell Financial investment account

Savings is at \$37,588.58, Checking is at \$36,732.44, SVOG acct: \$102,941. Received the Shuttered Venue Grant of \$102,941 this month. Oversight work group has met one time to review 2020 expenditures for grant funding. Katrina sent report via Julie that she/he had talked to Jesse Bell, and he recommended no changes to investment direction, and he would be willing to attend a Board meeting at some time.

Year-to-Date Profit & Loss Report provided by Susan D. reviewed by the Board.

Old Business

Search Committee update: There is excitement about new applicant as a possible new Executive Director. Julie, Melinda and Ann have interviewed this applicant and there is much positive energy about this. Susan D. met with applicant too.

Upon further discussion, the Search Committee made the following motion:

Board Action: Search committee recommends to the Board that we hire applicant, Tammy Wills for the position of Executive Director to replace outgoing ED, Susan Divine. Motion by Ann, second Melinda. Board vote is a unanimous to hire Tammy Wills as our new Executive Director. Motion passed.

Discussed transition plan to train Tammy. Susan D. recommended we commence training after upcoming ED vacation and continue training through the Annual Meeting in November. Susan D. also recommended that the Board consider a brief contract with herself to provide oversight and management of the new Grant funding until final report is completed. This is unusually large Grant so careful oversight and management is necessary.

Board Action: Motion to retain current contract with Susan Divine through Annual Meeting and thereafter contract with Susan to oversee the SVOG grant period, as necessary, as the money is allocated and expensed through July 2022.

Motion by Ann, seconded by Melinda. Motion passed.

Request to use electronic equipment by Martin Reinhardt—there is a problem with the idea in that we cannot turn on and off the power as needed as the Marquette Board Light and Power has changed their policy on seasonal service. When we turn on our 3 panels, we will begin incurring a \$24.05 fee per month for each one, totaling nearly \$1,000 per year. Susan D. has submitted a letter to the MBLP CEO and Board to consider a waiver for HMC. Discussion on whether we should we continue with our commitment to the fall event? We did commit with Martin on this previously. Susan will appraise

the Board of a response from MBLP, their next Board meeting is August 24th.

Board Action: Motion to move forward with turning on two panels for this event at the rental rate of \$150 per panel by Susan B, 2nd by Ann, motion passed.

Volunteer opportunities for the Board... we will set up a work bee next month (general cleaning). Sept 12 is tentative date for the bee.

New Business

Art Week recap: Monday opening of Art Week Event was a very positive event and well attended. Collaboration with the Tamama Dance Company activity, Hotplate clay wheels and with the concert with Who Dat Brass, Union Suits and Jive Trio. Wednesday HMC activity at Lower Harbor - kids activity tent, kids parade was great, nearly ran out of supplies.

Blackrocks Brewery beer release recap: great event, attendance, with The Wallens and The Long Roads -John, Sarah and Sven music!

Virtual Festival recap: great performances, positive Festival. Donations on the low side, viewership hard to track, may have been lower than expected. Board members relayed that donate button was not readily visible during their Monitoring shift on Facebook. Susan D. did confirm that donations were received from Facebook and also from Crowdfunder. Will check with Jason Warren on the Facebook donate button concern.

We have had donations of \$26k so far this year, good part of it from Live at the Fold.

2021 Board Elections: coming this November. Josh and Susan will term out. Jenna's one year term will end. Jeff's three-year commitment will end. Susan D: it would be great to get an accountant or someone with finance experience on the Board. Nominations will be accepted through September 30, with voting in October Survey Monkey).

Annual Meeting discussion – November 6th with Zoe Speaks as our performers. Details tbd

TV purchase and storage: do we want to keep the tv for events (movies, workshop, etc) Can be purchased with SVOG funding under media improvements, per Susan D.

Board Action: Melinda moves to keep the tv, 2nd by Jeff, motion passed.

Thrivent and Eagle Mine fund opportunities. Discussion on ethics and policy and By-Laws pros and cons to engagement with these organizations. Board provided with history of the Co-op not participating in political or religious organization activity. Board requested Susan D. check with our attorney on these issues.

Radio Results Network 2022 Contract: Susan D. RRN wants 84 tickets, board would prefer to give much less tickets (say 20-25). Susan will circle back to RRN to discuss.

Sue B. presented office merchandise needs and purchase of chocks and patches.

Board Action: Motion to purchase patches by Melinda, seconded by Candice, 100 at \$1.90 ea. Motion passed.

Director's Report

- 2020 Annual Report has been completed and is on our Website. Big thanks to Heather Picotte for putting it all together
- Music Committee chairs Karen Bacula and Jane Cislucis have given notice that they would like to step down and find replacement. Susan D. is working with them on a replacement.
- Membership – continued work on contact info for Lifetime Member list. Only about 125/700+ known addresses.
- Internship with Lauren Sweppy is approved and ready to begin. Board reviews brief job description put together by Susan D.
- We upgraded to Gold this month on our Guidestar Seal this month. This helps for grant applications.
- Thanks to Fred Rhydhalm for replacing the locks on our electrical panels at Tourist Park.
- Sympathy cards went out from the Board to the families of Naomi Guelff and Livia Davis
- Confirmed re-opening of The Fold for jam sessions

Consent Agenda - These items were put to a Board vote since the last Board Meeting.

Board Action 6/23/21 Board voted 8 yeas, 0 nays and 2 N/A to approve \$300 performer fee for a warm up band for Blackrocks/Hiawatha Beer Release party on July 9th

Board Action 6/30/21 Incomplete – Board voted 2 yeas, 2 ask, 6 N/A to ask Marquette Community Federal Credit Union to reverse a charge of \$234.74 from a 2019 lost check that was deposited into another account. No further action needed per Board discussion.

Board Action 7/6/21 Board voted 6 yeas, 0 nays and 4 N/A to transfer \$10,077 MCACA Grant funds from savings to checking to cover Virtual Festival expenditures.

Board Action 7/8/21 Board voted 8 yeas, 0 nays and 2 N/A for a Hiawatha Note to be handed out to campers at Tourist Park during

Virtual Festival weekend (reminder that regular park rules apply)

Board Action 7/21/21 – Board voted 7 yeas, 0 nays and 3 N/A for Executive Director Vacation for 2 weeks starting August 16 – 27.

Board Action 7/21/21 – Board voted 7 yeas and 0 nays and 3 N/A for re-opening The Fold for all Jam Sessions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeff Krebs, gracious substitute Secretary