

Blue Mound Area Theatre ANNUAL Board Meeting

Secretary's Report for 3-13/2025 BMAT Meeting

Board members present: Deb Aanenson, Lorna Bryan, Jill Buss, Molly Carbonneau, Chantel Connell, Cody Henrichs, Dianne Ossenfort, Heidi Sehr, Bill Stegemann, Cole Weidert, David Vis. Board members not present: Laura Gee, Jim Juhl, Verlyn VanBatavia, Morgan VanHolland; Staff present: Shawn Kinsinger, Mary Carroll; City Representative: Mert Kracht (not present)

Guests: Gayle Stegemann, Anissa Vis, Janine Papik

Call to Order- David Vis

Secretary's report – motion by Dianne to approve, 2nd by Lorna, carried.

Treasurer's report –Deb Presented a document showing the budget for 2024 compared to actual. Our loan balance at the bank is our only outstanding liability. We owe \$10,580.48. We ended up with a \$1,300 profit for the year. It's been a long time since we've ended the year in the black! Bill made the motion to approve this report, 2nd by Cody, carried.

Shawn presented the Director's Report. We have had one larger event per month on average (without the summer months included). Attendance for the live events was 4,923, movies was 7,524 with a total attendance for the year of 12,447. Shawn noted the trend for movie attendance is down- not just with us, but across the nation. This year, we had 2 fewer concerts. The question was asked as to how Shawn found the Taylor Swift show. He found it online following a bunch of research and was able to secure the show. Bill made the motion to approve the director's report, 2nd by Chantel, carried.

Old Business:

Deb reported on fundraising. So far, our campaign has raised \$34,584.77. The board and screen need to be updated.

The new doors were giving some problems during a very windy day. Bill and Cole helped to get this fixed and so did Chad McClure. Some adjustments still need to be made.

Cody talked with Kevin Aaker about Mert Kracht getting set up with email. The building maintenance professional should be contacted about minor repairs. This will be Matt McClure, not Chad McClure.

The fire alarm is still having problems. Banco has been here twice and their processes tell them it's working just fine. They claim it is an internet issue. Bluepeak is working on a solution. We are currently sharing an internet box with 5 other businesses on main street. Workers are coming to come up with a solution before Banco comes back again. This is on the city's bill, not ours. It was suggested that we have a letter to Banco and Bluepeak drafted for our records indicating that this has been trying to get fixed for many months. Just in case of something going wrong.

Digital marquee- We will need a state level grant to proceed with this project.

Bill fixed a few seats in the balcony.

New Business:

Slate of officers:

Jill Buss- President

??? – Vice President (maybe Laura?)

Deb Aanenson- Treasurer

Heidi Sehr- Secretary

Past President- David Vis

Dianne made the motion to approve the slate of officers, 2nd by Lorna, carried.

Dave adjourned the annual meeting as his last presidential duty. Jill will be our new president. Thank you to Dave for all of his time and efforts during his time as president!

Next meeting: March/April 2025

Motion to adjourn – Jill/Deb

Minutes recorded by Heidi Sehr