

## **Blue Mound Area Theatre 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- Jill Buss

Secretary's report – motion by Dave to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deb, carried.

Treasurer's report –Deb presented the profit and loss summary. February looked pretty scary with a \$9,000 loss. She paid as many bills as possible for the end of the year. Our fundraising account has a balance of \$56,449.19. The Taylor Swift concert is looking at a loss of \$10,460. It was suggested we ask for a discounted rate at Grand Stay Hotel & Suites. Lorna made the motion to withdraw \$10,000 from LACF to cover expenses for the show, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dianne, carried. Deb suggested we take our city money and put into a CD and draw from the interest. Bill made the motion to withdraw the full city stipend and invest it, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dianne, carried. Bill made the motion to approve the treasurer's report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lorna, carried.

Thank you to the guests for attending our meeting.

We need to have a hospitality person set up for anything that comes up. Dianne and Molly will take this role.

Shawn presented the Director's Report. The Taylor show was our big event recently. Movies included "One of Them Days" on Valentine's Day. It was not well attended. "A Complete Unknown" (Bob Dylan) was well attended. "Dog Man" wasn't great. "Rule Breakers" is coming up for Afternoon Escape and the following weekend. He continues to struggle with Disney and showing their movies. Other options are considered, but Disney has ownership in many we want to show. GEP will show "A Night at the Palace" for the two weekends prior to Easter. Lorna recommended wine. Shawn will price it out and try to accommodate. Missoula Children's Theatre is set for the weekend after the fair. There was discussion about sound and sound production. We've talked about it often, but is it time to invest in purchasing our own equipment? Shows are costing us a huge amount of money because we have to hire the sound system and personnel. Do we need a fundraiser specifically for sound? A group of people will meet to further discuss this continual issue. We have an Elvis impersonator is being looked at

for October 4. He is from the Twin Cities area. Cost is flexible due to how many members he brings for the band. Shawn will bring this to the board for official scheduling/booking next month. Chantel suggested a checklist/expectation sheet for acts that get booked. Dave made the motion to approve the report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cody, carried.

#### Old Business:

Is it time to clean the carpets? We usually clean after Missoula. Dave offered to paint the stage this Spring. May/June timeline.

Summer Cinema sponsorships are secured. Dates need to be set.

Silent movie- Leona is not available for this. Kendra Paulson will be asked about this. Ryan Hardy would be another one to ask. Also, Glenda Jacobsma. We hope to continue this tradition.

#### New Business:

Chantel reported that Scott Viessman has turned his duties to Matt McClure to talk about the tile on the outside of the building. Also, the door and the plaster in the back hallway would be a project for Matt.

Dianne asked the reason behind opening the balcony for the Taylor Swift show. Shawn explained it was open due to wanting sight lines. There was plenty of room on the main floor, but some want to watch the show upstairs.

Grants- Laura and Shawn talk about them.

Thank you's- none at this time.

Bill made the motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chantel, carried,

Next meeting: April 10, 2025 at the Palace.

Minutes recorded by Heidi Sehr