

ZAAC Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2013

The regular meeting of the ZAAC Board of Directors was called to order at 7 p.m. at the Zumbrota Library on Monday, Oct. 7, 2013, by Chair Bill Marx.

Board members in attendance: Bill Marx, Flora Burfeind, Jennifer Kish, Marit Lomen, Pam Shaw, Dick Whitaker, and State Theatre Director Ronda Sand. Others attending were Bob Hawley and Roxanne Bartsch.

Allan Nilson and Joan Hellyer were absent.

Shaw moved, Whitaker seconded, approval of September minutes as presented. Passed unanimously.

Shaw presented the financial report with \$12,084.03 on hand.

Membership was reported "up a little" to 105.

ZAAC Activity Updates

Committee reports:

Art on Main - Project chair was Roxanne Bartsch. Final accounting is not ready, however, her preliminary report shows a net profit at about \$3,631.29. Only a few glitches were reported, but overall the project was effective, fun and well received. The general consensus is to do it again, with some changes such as anonymous bidding, further outreach to garner more bidders and artists. A final wrap-up will bring more specifics, Bartsch noted.

Art Splash - Lomen reported that Art Splash held on the same day also went well. Weather was perfect and it brought out a good crowd and a variety of people, due in part to effective publicity. All sites were pleased.

Art in East Park – In 2014 it will be known as "Art in the Park," located at the north end of Covered Bridge Park. Access to electrical hookups for artists was the only problem, however, it was solved by the Covered Bridge Festival Committee agreeing to pay at least half of the \$600 one-time charge to make it available at the new site.

Lomen moved, Kish seconded, to allow the expense for electricity at no more than \$300 for electrical access. Passed unanimously.

ZAAC and the festival committee are pleased with the new location which will bring all elements of the festival closer together. The change in location was necessary due to planned construction on East Ave in 2014. Permanent relocation will be considered after the first year. The flea market will also be relocated to the Covered Bridge Park area. A new coordinator is needed for this project. Brenda Lerum will be contacted.

Music in the Park - A relocation to Covered Bridge Park likely will also be necessary for 2014.

State Theatre

EDA Grant - Kish reported that an application for \$140,000 was submitted for an EDA grant. She expects some of that will be allowed, however, does not expect to receive the full amount. The application makes clear that accessibility within the theatre is a big issue.

Asbestos Assessment; Asbestos Abatement - The assessment report was discussed, along with the suggestion to remove existing asbestos and the large pipe back stage which will free up space to expand storage area. A single bid of \$940 has been received. It was felt that additional bids should be sought.

Whitaker moved, Burfeind seconded, to approve the asbestos removal project but refine the bidding by seeking additional bids, with the job cost not to exceed the bid of \$940 already received. Members will be made aware of updates in email. Passed unanimously.

Ronda's reports - reports for August and September, plus other materials, were received for members to study.

Budget - Budget numbers will be looked at as reports are discussed. Marx asked committee chairs to look closely at reported numbers to see if they align with expectations.

Building Committee - Nilson was not present, however, the committee is encouraged to meet on a regular basis because there are so many crucial issues facing the theatre. Committee members are Allan Nilson, Kevin Kish, Merle Edel, Bob Hawley and Dave Zimmerman. Hawley is putting together suggestions for phases of construction.

Volunteers - More volunteers are needed. Members are asked to suggest several new volunteers each, and to encourage people they know to become volunteers.

ZAAC Annual Meeting - An annual meeting is scheduled in November, however, by consensus, board members felt February would be a better time to celebrate with volunteers. It was the sense of the board to plan a gathering in February, with wine tasting and chocolate. More discussion will follow..

ZAAC tee shirt - The possibility of ordering tee shirts is still being discussed.

Other Business: Movies will be planned in March and April.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by Flora Burfeind

Next meeting - Monday Nov. 4, 7 p.m., Library