

# ZAAC Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2013

The regular meeting of the ZAAC Board of Directors was called to order at 7 p.m. at the Zumbrota Library on Monday, Nov. 4, 2013, by Chair Bill Marx.

Board members in attendance: Bill Marx, Flora Burfeind, Joan Hellyer, Jennifer Kish, Marit Lomen, Pam Shaw, Dick Whitaker, and State Theatre Director Ronda Sand. Kish arrived at 8 p.m. Also attending was Dave Zimmerman to present a financial update.

Allan Nilson was absent.

Lomen moved, Shaw 2<sup>nd</sup>, approval of October minutes as presented. Passed unanimously.

Shaw presented the financial report with \$12,504.02 on hand.

No membership update was presented.

## ZAAC Activity Updates

***Committee reports were abbreviated due to Zimmerman's financial report and a request from PRISM (Paranormal Research & Investigations of Southern Minnesota) to present its report which followed the financial update from Zimmerman.***

Zimmerman reviewed costs of operations, income from supporters, programs and their pros and cons based on financial concerns. More income must be generated to break even. He estimated that \$2,900 a month is needed to operate the theatre without salary costs. Utilities are about \$500 a month. He suggested the possibilities of raising ticket prices, acquiring operations grants, soliciting additional sustaining supporters, plus other means in order to generate income. These possibilities will be discussed in the future.

Zimmerman also said that he will attend the December meeting to explain plans to expand the theatre. Both Jim and Dick Wedge are members of the renovation committee and their expertise is in designing plans for the building that can then go to an architect.

## **PRISM REPORT**

Elsie Slinger of PRISM talked about entities believed to inhabit the theatre. Through recordings and photography, PRISM members have been tapping into the personalities they believe live in or visit the theatre. Several videos show orbs of different sizes that move about. They believe there is a regular visitor named Patrick (who died in 1929 or 1930). Other voices have been heard.

More research is planned. An evening with the ghosts is a possibility and will be explored. PRISM would like to come back for more research Board members were interested and enthusiastic.

PRISM also related some experiences they have had during hours spent at Crossings.

### **Committee reports:**

**Art in the Park** – Plans are on track for the 2014 Art in the Park. Brenda Lerum has agreed to help organize. Electrical hookups at the new site have been ordered by the Festival Committee and the city.

**Music in the Park** - Whitaker urged that summer Music in the Park evenings remain at East Park in 2014. Logistics to set up would be difficult at Covered Bridge Park, he said.

### **State Theatre**

Eundraising Committee - a committee to brainstorm fundraising ideas is needed.

EDA Grant - Kish reported the EDA grant application has been submitted. The time frame is uncertain.

Asbestos Assessment; Asbestos Abatement - Two additional bids for asbestos removal still need to be received.

Ronda's reports - Reports were handed out. Windows in the apartment have been caulked.

Building Committee - The committee plans to meet the last Monday of the month. 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.

ZAAC Annual Meeting - An annual meeting is to be scheduled in February, perhaps a wine tasting/chocolate event would be well received, possibly held at Crossings. More discussion will follow. Kish, Hellyer and Burfeind will report on possibilities.

ZAAC tee shirts - Burfeind and Shaw will discuss tee-shirt ordering and report back

Other Business: Movies are planned in March and April.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Submitted by Flora Burfeind

**Next meeting - Monday December 2, 7 p.m., Library**