ZAAC Meeting Minutes

July 6, 2015

The ZAAC Board of Directors met for its regular meeting at 8 p.m. Monday, July 6, at the library.

Chair Bill Marx called the meeting to order at 8 p.m. Members present were Marx, Flora Burfeind, Jennifer Kish, Marit Lomen, Pam Shaw, Dick Whitaker. Member Linda Smith was present via telephone. Member Allan Nilson was not present. Also present was advisor Kevin Kish and Art In East Park chair Brenda Lerum.

Shaw moved, Kish 2nd, approval of minutes from the June 1 meeting with the following addition under Theatre Management Committee: Roxanne Bartsch is president. Passed unanimously.

Shaw gave the financial report at $12,286.67.

Marx reported membership at 101.

ZAAC Activity Updates

Committee reports:

Art in East Park - Brenda Lerum wrapped up her report noting the event went well. The day started with rain but cleared quickly and turned out sunny and warm. Thirty-five of the 37 artists booked set up and were satisfied with the turnout of people for the event. Music was enjoyed, one food truck did not arrive, but those that did were satisfied. Overall cost was somewhat less than last year, but complete costs are not yet available. Lerum will look for a youth-art volunteer to take over that area next year. She will continue to chair the event. She was thanked for a job well planned and completed.

Music in the Park - Concerts began in June and will continue through Aug. 11. They have been well attended with about 200 at each event so far. Whitaker plans to survey audiences to ask those attending for opinions on the bands, the number of concerts and their length, and for any additional suggestions.

Art on Main - Banners are up on Main Street and plans are under way for the reception at the VFW on Friday, Sept. 18.

Art Splash - There are about 20 artists signed up at 8 sites, scheduled Sept. 19. At this 10th anniversary of Art Splash, an art gallery in Zumbrota is scheduled to open on Main Street, with a back classroom entrance off the back parking lot so it can be accessed through a back door on the lower level. The Art Splash brochure will be available soon.
State Theatre

State Theatre Management Committee - Smith reported by phone on the committee's work. A printed copy of her report is available with these minutes. Things are running relatively smoothly in the transition period with volunteers stepping up to do work that is necessary for events. Events are posted online, set currently through the end of August. The committee has met with Marie Marvin to keep the schedule on track. No changes have been made regarding policies or practices at this time.

Encore Fundraising - Kevin Kish was on hand to report on progress toward the building project. Preliminary bids from sub-contractors should be available by the end of July so a report likely will be presented at the August 3 meeting. Kevin suggests that phone company representatives and the board should be available for groundbreaking. Excavation costs are estimated at $8-10,000.

Kevin's mother has time and is helping to apply for grants and other funding. Basics such as the theatre's ADA plan are being put together. Grant information will be put online for board members so duplication of efforts can be minimized.

Signatories on ZAAC accounts at the Bank of Zumbrota - Smith moved, Kish 2nd to have the following signatories on ZAAC accounts: the four officers, Marx, Nilson, Shaw and Burfeind, along with Dave Zimmerman, will be authorized signers on the theatre checking account. The four officers will be signers on the Encore and building accounts. Passed unanimously. Burfeind will go back to the bank to make final arrangements.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Submitted by Flora Burfeind

Next meeting: Monday, August 3, 8 p.m., Library