

Zumbrota Area Arts Council board minutes, February 6th, 2023

Members present in person and via Zoom: Bill Marx, Linda Smith, Kevin Klapperich, Billy Wendt, Janice Carr, Roxanne Bartsh. Guest Riley Morrow

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM

January meeting minutes approved, motioned by Billy, second by Jan.

Treasurer's report: Kevin gave treasurer report, current checkbook balance \$51,993.86 and reviewed deposits and expenses since last report.

Membership report: Bill announced that the membership is currently at 73 members.

Theatre report: Roxanne reported that Connie Boyd has joined the Theatre Committee. A budget draft was presented to the board, Kevin motioned to approve, seconded by Billy, unanimously approved. Current Theatre apartment rent has been at \$725/month for a long time and after discussion it was agreed that it would be increased to \$775/month. Fabric colors have been approved for the Theatre seats and a completed sample seat is expected within 4-6 weeks. If that is acceptable then all the seats will be removed for restoration after the June Theatre performance. It is estimated that the seats should be completed and reinstalled by September. The Theatre committee will sell seat sponsorships to help offset the costs. Recently there was damage to some ceiling panels which was repaired at a cost of \$942.00. Lobby renovation cost estimate of \$375,000 has been provided by Bennike Construction. The Committee is reviewing the cost breakdown and planning schedule.

Songs of Hope: Bill reported that Song's of Hope has asked if we are interested in sponsoring their visit and performance in July. The Board agreed that we would like to support that but due to the seat renovations the Theatre will not be available for the performances so will need to look at alternative locations.

Music in the Park report: Jan reported that 10 bands have been booked so dates are full. Performer payments will remain at \$550.

Art Projects: Linda reported that there will be a watercolor event held on April 1st at the Theatre. It is limited to 14 attendees.

Youth Art Contest: Bill discussed options for holding the Youth Art Contest again this year. The Board agreed that we should eliminate the People's Choice award because it is too easy to abuse the voting process.

Board Member application: Bill introduced Riley Morrow who has applied for an open Board position. Riley is a Zumbrota native and talked about his background and why he would like to join the Board. After some discussion and a unanimous vote, he was welcomed as a new Board member. Welcome aboard Riley!

Next meeting is scheduled for March 6th, 2023 at 7:00 PM at the Theatre.

Meeting adjourned.