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Zumbrota Area Arts Council board minutes, March 11th, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM. Members present in person and via Zoom: Bill Marx, Janice Carr, Kevin Klapperich, Billy Wendt, Jan David Fisher, Roxanne Bartsh, Linda Smith.

February meeting minutes approval: Motioned by Billy, second by Linda, minutes unanimously approval.

Treasurer's report: Kevin gave treasurer report, current checkbook balance \$19,202.18 and reviewed deposits and expenses since last report. The \$10,000 CD matured on 2/12/2024 and earned \$303 interest. It was rolled into a new 9-month CD that matures on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and will earn 4.27% APY interest.

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

Theatre report: Roxanne sent the minutes from the last Theatre committee meeting and provided updates regarding the efforts to raise funds and reduce costs of the lobby renovation. They have approached several more area businesses and are waiting to hear back. The Take-Your-Seat campaign has raised about \$13,000 with more slowly coming in. The committee continues to struggle finding a reliable sound and lighting person and is considering hiring a professional for concerts and performances.

SEMAC Grant Workshop: Kevin recently attended a grant application workshop at SEMAC and recapped the event. A couple notable takeaways that were stressed: 1) On the application make sure you are fully and completely answering the questions, 2) Give yourself plenty of time to fill out the application and have SEMAC staff review it for you before final submission, 3) consider volunteering on their selection panels so you get a chance to see other applications for comparison. A problem we have is sometimes ZAAC and the Theatre may want to apply for the same grant but are unable to because we are the same non-profit entity. The Minnesota State Arts Board has separate grants available that we may be able to apply for that would not disqualify us from a SEMAC grant.

Music in the Park: Janice reported that the SEMAC grant application has been submitted and is now waiting to find out if we are selected.

Songs of Hope: Bill has been contacted by Songs Of Hope and they are interested in returning in July for another performance. Kevin motioned, seconded by Jan, to sponsor their visit. Motion passed. Bill will contact United Redeemer Church to find out if the kids can stay there again.

Board officer elections: Jan motioned to reelect existing officers, seconded by Janice, motion carried. President Bill Marx, Vice President Linda Smith, Secretary/Treasurer Kevin Klapperich.

Annual Meeting: Bill discussed the content that will be presented during the annual meeting. The format will be similar to last year and he is waiting on some final financial numbers from Dave Zimmerman. A meeting notice will be submitted to the Zumbrota News Record that will also include a recruitment for new board members.

Next meeting will be Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> . Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Kevin Klapperich, Secretary