

Opera House Board Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, September 19, 2023 10:00 am via Zoom

Present: Mary-Carel Verden, Jon Lewis, Jim Borling, John Beutel, Jill Patterson, Bill Brehm

Absent: Pat O'Connor

Staff: Julie McDougall, Victoria Flynn

1. Call to Order, Verden—10:07 am.
2. Motion to approve July 18, 2023 Minutes by Borling, seconded by Beutel —10:06 am.
3. Director's Report by Brehm—10:10 am.
 - a. Successful Member on-sale. We hit and surpassed 2019 sales numbers.
 - b. We hit a record on memberships as well.
 - c. There are already 5 sold-out shows with a few more following closely.
 - d. September is always lighter on attendance. This year we've booked more local acts. Oct. and Nov. will be very busy months.
 - e. There will be a few more shows added to the spring part of the season.
4. Financial Report by Borling—10:30 am.
 - a. We're sitting in a good place right now. There's a big difference between now and this time last year.
 - b. The reports look different because the City subsidy is now being zeroed out at the end of the calendar year. We'll have to see what those numbers look like as we get further into the season.
5. SOHFA Report by Lewis—10:35 am.
 - a. The women's restroom expansion is almost completed. The large mirror and grab bars for the stalls will be installed by the end of the week. It looks great!
 - b. The cushions in the theater are still wonderful.
 - c. It's time to start thinking about the next project.
6. Music Appreciation—Beutel—10:42 am.
 - a. Yesterday was the first Music Appreciation performance. It went very well with a talented piano performance.
 - b. The attendance has increased quite a bit since publishing the fall schedule in the brochure.
7. Move to adjourn the meeting by Lewis, seconded by Beutel—10:48 am.

Respectfully submitted, V. Flynn 10/14/2023