

## **Opera House Board Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, March 28, 2023 10:00 am via Zoom**

Present: Jonathan Lewis, Bill Brehm, Mary-Carel Verden, Lisa Reeves, Jim Borling, Pat O'Connor, Tim Swadley

Absent: John Beutal, Jill Patterson

Staff: Julie McDougall, Victoria Flynn

1. Call to Order, Verden—10:03 am.
2. Motion to approve February 28, 2023 Minutes by Lewis, seconded by Borling —10:04 am.
3. Director's Report by Brehm—10:05 am.
  - a. The spring half of the season is well underway.
  - b. Many of Julie's tasks have been reallocated, but she is able to do admin. work from home.
  - c. The chair project is complete and receives a large round of applause before every show.
  - d. There are no shows scheduled the week leading up to Easter.
  - e. Brehm is booking for the 2023-24 season and trying to get ahead of Catfish.
4. Financial Report by Borling—10:09 am.
  - a. The report shows profits through February.
  - b. Donations were unusually high, from an average of \$5,000 to \$14,000, due to Taj Mahal ticket holders donating the price of tickets purchased in 2019.
  - c. Not all show expenses are represented yet.
  - d. There are still some residual refunds coming through for Aimee Mann and Taj Mahal.
5. SOHFA Report by Lewis—10:23 am
  - a. The chair project is done! The project took a total of 1 ½ years to complete.
  - b. SOHFA has a good account balance after paying off the cushion project and is asking, "What's next?"
    - i. Some ideas include expanding the women's restroom, upgrading the sound board, and fixing the carpeting on the stairs to the second floor.
  - c. Lewis has been encouraged to send in a new grant proposal once a project is agreed upon.
  - d. SOHFA is planning a Donor Appreciation event on Fri. Apr. 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - e. Sales in the lounge have steadily increased to where it is sustainable.
    - i. Word has been getting out. More people are coming early to attend the pre-shows.
6. Move to adjourn the meeting by Borling, seconded by Lewis—10:36 am.

Next meeting: April 25, 2023

Respectfully submitted, V. Flynn 4.20/2023