

Opera House Board Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 10:00 am via Zoom

Present: Mary-Carel Verden, Bill Brehm, Johnathan Schroerlucke, Mayor Tim Swadley, Jill Patterson, Pat O'Connor, Jon Lewis

Absent: Borling, Beutel

Staff: Julie McDougall, Victoria Flynn

1. The meeting was called to order by President Verden--10:08 am.
2. Election of officers was added to the agenda—10:09 am.
 - a. Lewis nominates Mary-Carel Verden for President. Patterson seconds. Votes are unanimous.
 - b. Patterson nominates Jon Lewis for Vice President. O'Connor seconds. Votes are unanimous.
3. Motion to approve March 28, 2023 Minutes by Lewis, second by Patterson—10:11 am.
4. Director's Report by Brehm—10:13 am.
 - a. We are glad to have Julie back from medical leave.
 - b. Brehm is deep into booking season.
 - c. The Sneak Peek should be out in early June.
 - d. Although we're behind where we normally are this time of year, we hope to have the brochure done in time for Catfish, June 30-July 2.
5. Financial Report by Brehm—10:21 am.
 - a. There have been 18,600 tickets sold this season which is very close to where we were in 18-19.
 - b. This report shows a big improvement over 21-22. More people are coming out to shows.
 - c. There is a Net of \$232,996.
 - d. The City Subsidy, tracked by calendar year, is being handled differently this year through City Finance.
 - e. City Council denied ARPA fund request but has offered some money for a specific project, says Swadley. Project pending estimate and formal request.
6. SOHFA Report by Lewis—10:29 am.
 - a. After the chair project, SOHFA has enough money left to fund an improvement project. There has been talk about expanding the women's restroom. An estimate is coming from Mattson.
 - b. The donor appreciation night, initially scheduled for last Friday, did not happen.
 - c. Lewis received recognition from the City for his great volunteer efforts over the years. Congratulations, Jon!
7. Move to adjourn by Lewis, second by Patterson—10:40 am.

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Respectfully submitted, V. Flynn 5/8/23