

## **Opera House Board Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 10:00 am via Zoom**

Present: Jim Borling, John Beutel, Jonathan Schroerlucke, Mary-Carel Verden, Bill Brehm, Tim Swadley

Absent: Jill Patterson, Pat O'Connor, Jon Lewis

Staff: Julie McDougall, Victoria Flynn

1. Call to Order, Verden—10:05 am.
2. Motion to approve June 20, 2023 Minutes by Borling, seconded by Beutel —10:06 am.
3. Director's Report by Brehm—10:07 am.
  - a. The brochure and flyer have been proofed and sent to the printers.
  - b. Season shows are being set up in the ticketing system.
  - c. Catfish was very well attended. Saturday drew the largest crowd on record.
  - d. Memberships are coming in.
  - e. Brehm is finishing projections for the budget.
  - f. Still trying to get confirmation on a few more shows before Member ticket sales.
  - g. The City approved \$10,000 for the bathroom renovation.
4. Financial Report by Borling—10:32 am.
  - a. We've finally gotten all pre-pandemic shows off the books—Taj Mahal and Aimee Mann.
  - b. Memberships are up.
  - c. The negative fund balance shows we need to budget for a loss at the end of the calendar year.
5. SOHFA Report by Brehm—10:51 am
  - a. Catfish doesn't really function as a fundraiser, but brings people to town and draws attention to the season announce.
  - b. Catfish was the first event of its kind in Stoughton. There are now several annual events taking place downtown.
  - c. The bathroom expansion estimate is \$15,000. \$10,000 will come from the City with the balance to be split between SOHFA and grant money.
6. Move to adjourn the meeting by Borling, seconded by Schroerlucke—10:56 am.

Next meeting: August 11, 2023

Respectfully submitted, V. Flynn 8/14/2023