



Board Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2023

1. Welcome

- a. Agenda Approval
 - Motion Sherri – Roy 2nd
- b. Minutes Approval
 - Motion Roy – Sheri 2nd
- c. Treasurer's Report
 - Motion Roy – Ida 2nd
 - Approved. Updated yesterday. Covered.

2. Committee Reports

- a. Fund Development
 - Nothing to report.
- b. Membership
 - Sheri: Worked with Deb F. She was going to get letters together as of two weeks ago. No update until March.

3. Branch Reports

- a. Art & Soul Gallery
 - Match-On-Main Grant was submitted. Proposed updated furnishings for classroom accessibility and displays for gallery.
 - Kept it under \$13,000 limit.
 - Awaiting approval, around April 3rd.
 - Searching for more grants to improve lighting, painting of the outside, etc.
 - Acquired 3-4 new artists from Etsy. Searching for more.
- b. Clinton Northern Railway
 - No updates. On hold due to City.
- c. Concert in the Park
 - 12 possible acts, 4 booked, possibly more. Awaiting bookings. Moving into march signage.
 - Putting together pitch for sponsorship.
 - Looking to continue to receive donations for updates and improvements.
 - CP Board Meeting Thursday.
- d. Homegrown Productions
 - On hold due to City and no access to auditorium.
 - No current venue.
- e. Mint City Singers
 - Performance on 31st of March at 7:00 pm at Lutheran Church since Wilson Center is not available.
 - Spring is in the Air – Water Theme. Flyers made, but not finalized. Posts on Facebook already made.
 - Tribute for Mark to be put forward before MSC Board on Thursday. To be prepared for next CCAC board meeting.
- f. Wilson Center Auditorium
 - City Commission Meeting and Letter

- Nothing approved. Boilers failed inspection. Asbestos abatement delayed. Illegal to host events in the building.
- Tom met with Dymaxion Development on 10th of Feb. All assumed repairs would be underway by now, however, developers asked for Brown Field Abatement (tax related), but the City turned them down, preventing them from going any further. City owns 8% of the courthouse (cost \$1 million), rest is owned by the county. If they leave, they get \$850,000 refunded. In addition, the cost for operating the area in the courthouse is \$90,000/year. City Manager approached developers about purchasing the auditorium and gymnasium as well as the south side, City would remodel using the money from the sale back to the City plus additional funding. The City Commission voted unanimously to move forward and signed off on it, although they had the option to opt out of the office space (south side). One of the benefits of them having their office there is they would always have someone present. After the election in November, two new commissioners were elected. The new members and another commissioner are forcing the commission to revisit the contract. City Commission had a meeting on the 15th, Tom and Bill attended to discuss the project. The City Commission still needs to vote on the condominium documents, floor plans. The new Commission continues to delay the approval those documents preventing the sale from going through and the delaying or stopping the renovations from beginning. Vote won't happen until March date.
- Tom wrote a letter on behalf of the Arts Council and sent it out. The CCAC is in favor of moving forward with the project at the Wilson Center and encourages the City Commission to approve the Condominium Documentation. Had a majority of board members approve the letter, and it was sent to meet the deadline for inclusion in the City Commissioner's information packets for the February 27 meeting.

4. Discussion Items

a. Laptop for Treasurer

- Computer is over 10 years old. Cannot upgrade current set up. Windows 10 will last two more years. Estimates from New Look Computer to build a standard tower is \$850 plus the cost of the Microsoft Suite \$180. May be able to get Microsoft Suite for less due to being a nonprofit.
 - Estimated for \$1,000-\$1,200.
- Could utilize laptop as an external monitor. Portable. Can get brand new laptop with extended warranty. Would like to look into specs.
 - Estimated to be \$700.
- Tower and monitor preferred by Sheri, current treasurer.
- Budget for external hard drive.
- Look into TechSoup and other companies, i.e. Samsung, for non-profit discounts/warranty.
- Will discuss purchase next meeting.

b. Contracts – Theresa and Saige

- Paige was meant to go over it with Theresa. Need to follow up with Paige.
- Currently working without a contract. Renewal date was Feb. 1st.

c. Endowment Funds

- Contacted about the Endowment Fund. Can start it with \$10,000. Looking for example letters. Deb F. and Sheri will meet about it. May meet with a lawyer. Will update come March.

Attendance:

- Paige
- ✓ Tom
- ✓ Sheri
- ✓ Saige
- ✓ Theresa
- Susan
- ✓ Roy
- Debbie F
- ✓ Marshelia
- ✓ Lauri
- ✓ Ida
- ✓ Kathie
- ✓ Debra