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Minute changes:

Asbestos clarify the chosen team.

The casino night: unknown date

Treasurer March: Building Fund Total \$14282.91 (rest easy, we've found the \$10)

Treasurer's Report:

Reg Acct

Deposits = \$1199.57

Checks = \$2325.15

Ending Balance as of April = \$11221.87

Total = \$9539.75 (for May, before checks and "The Last 5 Years")

Building Acct

Deposits = \$12967.53

Checks = \$0

Total = \$27250.44

CD = \$6290.18

Rotary Club gave a donation, which will add them to the Carney Club (along with Gary Mason, Carol Weidmann, John & Dolores Yerly, Jackie & Terry Dickow, The Champlain Family, and Bob Warner). Could we take out a thank you in the paper? Idea to think about: the Brookfield Zoo has levels, but as an ongoing accumulation to show live-long donations.

Carol's letter has gotten a lot of responses from patrons.

The list of donors needs to put on a Google Sheet so everyone can get to it at any time. That can be sent as an email to a person in charge of entering the information (Will).

The Kiwanis Club took donation cards after Kimberly's speech, and Dianne has more of the cards for any other clubs in the area. One needs a bit of clarification – the card was sent back with no donation.

Amy needs the donation numbers for the Johns' matching grant, and she has a copy of the contract from NIU to use as an example for their taxes.

Carol doesn't need donation checks, just the donor information.

The asbestos has sent their bill. The building is free of dust, tile, and asbestos. Amy has the report. Also, only contractors can be in the building once the building permits are up and work started.

Could we set up phases on the website to show people what work is happening. Since the phases are very large, we could show “sub-phases” ie. the tasks being finished within each phase. It would get people to the website as well. It also shows more than a donation thermometer.

Will has been working on an annual budget to present to banks for loans or large donors. There are some large missing numbers. We are also missing other, long-term, phases past the phase 1 of move-in. We could just leave off the long-term phases and concentrate on move-in needs. (The actual legal needs to open a building to the public.) We should try to fix up the theater (the public spaces) as much as we can while it’s empty and easy to access.

There’s a new idea for the HVAC being on the 2nd floor to save money and possibly temp. control the 2nd floor classrooms on that side.

We need to apply for the property tax exemption as soon as we’re able. John Bearrows mentioned a tax exemption for the first 2 or 3 years while we get started. We just need to figure who to ask that.

The financial history has an issue with the math. A lot of Ave Q was prepaid in 2017 explains some of it, which throws off some of the year’s math. The expenses should go by the calendar year, not necessarily the shows. We could do an audited review to use for loans and grants – accountants who could magically go through all the folders and papers and give us a summery. It would also save the paperwork and start us keeping track in a more permanent way.

Do we really need the extra lots around the property? The ‘meadow’ is an easy no. Could we try and sell the two lots where the basketball court and playground where? It would save property tax, mowing and care, and be a bit of extra money for the building fund. Could we even sell all 4 of the ‘back lots’? They are already subdivided, and we already have plenty of room for parking around the building.

Railroad Days – have not heard anything from the city about Hobos.

Heritage Fest – we have been contacted and approved to use the parking lot.

Rotary Club – removed all the playground and a thank you will be added to their donation thank you.

The property tax bill has come and has already been discussed.

The annual elections are being moved to the annual meeting which was moved to the end of the calendar year. They will have to be some time during this year, and the new board would start in January. The elections, therefore, should be at the November meeting.

Spring Show recap next month. ALL receipts to Jeani before the meeting.

Summer Show update postponed due to Director and Producer at home battling bodily bugs. The AD is yet unnamed. It has been established that there needs to be a producer and AD named before the rehearsals begin.

New Building – We got \$65 from the metal recycling. Work days need to start being a regular thing. The same few people are doing everything. We aren’t announcing ahead of time, and on different dates for people to be free. We can also have different kind of work days depending on what’s needed and what people are able to do. We cannot have –18 kids in the building to help right now. Adults can help by becoming members (the forms are at the building).

Mainly, someone(s) need to organize labor. Pick a date which works for you and organize a work day.

There are many ideas for the organization of each room and the storage of the different pieces. (Not just the costume room, but how the costumes are organized within the room.) And, to keep away from anyone just going in and adding shelves or moving things around anywhere, there should be a committee to plan out, clean, and organize all of the storage areas on the South side of the building. Kimberly has already designated the rooms, but a committee can get together to plan out each room and what's the best use of the space. (Carol, Dianne, Sally, and Kimberly will meet.)

Fundraisers – Flightdeck is willing to do a mystery dinner and Exit 99. Salt 251 is the same, they would both like to sit down and plan dates. Casino Night – this Friday has opened up if we can go really quick. Will, Bridget, and Jeanne are all planning on going – anyone else is welcome to join and help out.

State Farm has a grant opportunity. The top 40 vote getters will get the grant. It must be submitted by June 5th. The top 200 finalists will be up on social media for voting. Doug will ask Marilyn if she has the time June 5th if he writes something up for it.

Grants are being worked on.

Any PR/emails/website info needs to get to Will ASAP. He's glad to do it, but he needs to know the information and have time to post it.

Carol made folders, but maybe a packet of information and expectations for any directors. So they know what they're responsible for and who to send PR information.

Bridget has made some good contacts for PR around the area.

Creston Booster Days – Sept 15th is the parade if we could be in the parade again. We need to get enough people together to do it this year. The Creston Booster Hall is still available as a smaller venue.

We got the renewal for the IL Theater Association. It is worth the membership – though we should be using it more. They put out announcements, have an annual conference, and a directory of resources, etc.. Due by June 21st.

The Last Five Years – had just over 100 people, but it was an unexpected venue and odd dates, but it was an amazing show and used the space well.

Adjourned.