

VCCT Board Meeting 12/20/17

Meeting called to order at Mr. Vince's Clubhouse at 7:03p.m.

Present members: Kimberly Ekes, Amy Frank, Jeani Camplain, Will Mingus, Sally Sawicki,
Carol Weidmann, Doug Kroupa (late)

Treasurer's Report

Deposits-November 2017 \$1161.51

Checks-November 2017 \$338.13

Interest-November 2017 \$.33

November Ending Balance- \$5594.15

CDs = \$6387.42 and \$6237.01

PayPal was switched and will be on the next statement.

The CDs are coming up for renewal.

The bank statements' fees are waived for November, and the account has been moved to a non-profit checking account.

Old Business

Body mic. Discussion will wait until Doug for the prices. We'll need maybe 5 more?

MTI - the music company. Everything is under Dianne's information. That information should be given to the president. Will M. has and uses another account to get information.

The Christmas Event

It show went well and was well received. The food didn't seem to be a draw and the entire PR from Abe's never mentioned the name of the show.

The President's Luncheon

Dianne will not use the website to sell tickets. They will be \$20 for the lunch and show.

CAN (now RACC)

Rochelle Arts & Culture Committee

The first meeting is Jan. 9th (possibly). We should definitely look into being a part of it. Kimberly is planning on joining at EkesArt and for now, will represent both her own business and VCCT.

When emailing, do not take it upon yourself to contact until they group can discuss (and know who has said what).

"Ave Q"

The rehearsals have begun, the puppets will arrive in Chicago Friday, and Will will get them soon. \$2500/each puppet to replace. Do we have insurance to cover them? Can we add something for the run of the show? There will be 25 puppets and 3 puppet wranglers. We have the musical soundtrack. Ads are being worked on. On the website, patrons much click indicate they understand what the show is about.

The box office will be trained to inform patrons at the door. Is \$20 still alright? (yes) The tickets will go on sale Jan 15th with early sales for cast and crew. There will be no discount for buying online from now on.

The show itself is going well.

There have been date issues with Robin and Paddock Hall.

The utilities and building should be fine for us to use until March 31.

Will still needs a props person, 2 booth readers, and stage hands. Debby K. is the ticket/box office person, could Diane E. direct to box office/ushers/fundraise?

50/50 raffle during intermission or collect during the 'Money Song', or both.

There will be ads in the program, and Will can have them printed and stapled for \$400/1000ct.

There were missing donors in the Christmas Event's program - we need a better system for tracking and printing in programs.

Lighted Christmas Parade

It was a nice night, 994 candy canes used, 100s of flyers passed out and there was a large crowd.

New Business

Paddock Hall

The room was double booked again for the move-in dates. Robin was under the impression we were moving in March 2nd (opening night).

OCCCA says "Ave Q" is guaranteed, and the Clubhouse can stay as already contracted by the month. (\$250/month direct to OCCCA).

Jeani is writing a check for Naomi.

[VOTE] We're staying with Hickory Grove for at least the next three months. [PASSED]

Creston Booster Hall is too small, Lincoln School is too small of a usable space and a very large, unused building, with boiler heat, and no AC. Pete's building had a water pipe burst, leaky roof, too small, and can't restore or move walls to make into a usable space. The church was a good space, with a hot tub!, limited parking, not accessible to the upstairs area, and there are a lot of pros/cons to the contract.

The grocery store on Cherry Ave seems like the best idea for a new space for its size, the private sellers, and options.

Dianne went to Jeff at a bank for advice (loan is a no, but there might be someone willing to buy and rent to us extra low). Holcomb Bank Jeff (we need a projected budget, financial report, projected performances, 20-25% down). City Manager Jeff (TIF money is possible).

If we use TIF, we can not use EV Zone (tax abatement) - unsure which would be the better option.

Amy meeting with Michelle Pease and City Manager Jeff about numbers and details.

Sally thinks the Youngs may be willing to donate to a building to take over.

We will need an accountant. This is beyond Jeani's volunteer scope. And we may be changing taxes.

Carrie's Summer show is at least a small show.

Met with Kiff about the building and it may be a bit over estimated. The roof is okay for now, needs electric, but flexible conduit may be used. Sprinklers are not needed for the size of the building. The city has offered to repave and maintain the parking lot, if they may use it as a public lot when we are not using it. (Sure!) There needs to be a ramp from the lot to the sidewalk. The AC needs to be checked, and the plumbing will be an issue. There must be 3-4 toilets per gender.

Someone needs to win the lotto™. (Dianne did not.)

Sally's church is getting rid of pews. Should we pursue for seating? (not really)

The stage would be on the floor with raised seating (appx. 200 seats)

Fundraising

We need to start fundraising for capital. It needs to be a clear plan (people will donate to a thing, not an idea) and the funds should go into a separate account for only building, so it's not going to the running of the group.

Amy, Will, John, Todd?, Steve F., and Kimberly will meet and start the process.

The Culminating Event

It is still planned for Jan. 13th to renew memberships. Include in the Jan. newsletter (Spotlight is for members only). \$10 by the end of Jan. or volunteer to help with "Ave Q" will get you a membership.

Newsletter

Later.

Headset mic.

They will not be body wireless - we need 12 headsets. 7 wireless work out of 8. There are only 2 headsets.

[VOTE] We will buy 12 headsets for \$360 (\$30/each). [PASSED]

Grants

Community Grant for IL has no money.

Halogen lights have burnt out and need replacing.

[VOTE] We will buy up to 6 of the LED lights. [PASSED]

Meeting adjourned.

9:46pm