

VCCT Board Meeting 9/27/17

Meeting called to order at Mr. Vince's Clubhouse at 7:00p.m.

Present members: Kimberly E., Amy F., Carol W., Doug K., Ken M., Will M., Jeani C.

Creston Booster Days

Parade was alright, but there aren't a lot of people showing up to help.

High Spirits

The show is getting good, and other issues have been taken care of.

The RACF performance will be an 8pm show with a 7pm dinner, there are no tickets, ushers, or bartender - the group is taking care of all of it.

Grant

We asked and failed to get a projector.

Fundraisers

The Lularoe Fundraiser will be held November 4th at the Clubhouse.

Culver's denied the dates and times submitted because of 'no media coverage'. We will re-submit explaining how we will publicize ourselves.

Clubhouse

Dianne has the lettering for the sign and will bring it. And Doug will get the sign board itself.

Meetings

November and December meeting could be combined. We might need a November meeting because of the two shows which will be in production at that time.

Settled on November 15th and December 20 as our next two meeting dates.

Hay Day

The scarecrows will meet on the 14th from 11am-2pm. Call Ken if interested in being a scarecrow.

The painted hay bale looks awesome! It was also a lot cheaper and easier than we thought it would be.

Christmas Parade

We can help be Santa's helpers again and pass out flyers. Possibly have "It's A Wonderful Life: A Radio Play" cast members walking, too.

Renaissance Program

We donated \$50 for the last many years, but we got the request late this year. We can still donate.

[VOTE] VCCT will donate \$50 to the high school's renaissance program.

Jeani arrived -

Treasurer's Report

Deposits-August 2017 \$585.06

Checks-August 2017 \$949.50

Interest-August 2017 \$.76

August Ending Balance- \$4717.72

CDs remain unchanged at \$6371.52 and \$6237.01

The banking is back to business checking, so we're on a straight month again.

We got a donation from someone who wants to be a member again.

We also got a donation with instructions that it be used for the next 4 shows (\$250 for sponsoring each of the next 4 productions). It was decided that would be "High Spirits", "Ave Q", "Shakespeare Abridged", and "Outlaws, Inlaws, and Other People Who Should Be Shot", because the Winter Dinner Show is a special event and not a part of the season. They will get a special thanks in the programs.

Bleacher Bums

Deposits - \$3341.50

Payments - \$2405.16

Total Profit - \$936.34

There were 234 in attendance. It made up "A Few Good Men".

Paddock Hall

Will and Amy went to the 1st OCCCA meeting and nothing was done about Paddock. Will presented a proposal at the next meeting, and everyone there seemed to love the idea of VCCT taking over Paddock Hall. We would take utilities and management of the room plus the areas behind the hall. There would be no rent, just a percentage of the all events booked. The restrooms and lobby would be shared.

There is questions about garbage, internet, and gas...how would it be split?

Could we bring in a manager on a commission basis?

During events would the manager, or VCCT rep., be present? - Yes, because it would be our space being used, destroyed, cleaned-up.

The tables and chairs belong to the room, but would we want them? What would 200 chairs and 14 tables cost?

The utilities are the bigger issue - no one seems to have a clear idea what the costs are. And, if the gas/heat can even be separated. We would have to pay for it to be done, or come up with a very clear agreement with Robin on the split.

Swim & Fit and Robin both want to stay in the building.

We are paying \$6000 a year that we wouldn't have.

We need to find the exact numbers for the utilities. OCCCA did a full report on separating and all the building needs.

We would bring in other acts and entertainment. (Kimberly has a list of some contacts already from a previous job.) It would be "VCCT Presents..."

We would contract Robin for alcohol, but people would be able to bring in their own catering.

Do we have the people to help with this?

\$50K gross is what keeps up non-profit.

There should be a separate checking account for the things going on in Paddock which aren't VCCT shows.

Our insurance would go up and change since our space and usage will be going up quite a bit.

Paddock is still covered by OCCCA insurance.

OCCCA wanted a commitment/lease - No, this is an experiment to see if we can make it work. If there is no way to book the room, we're no worse off than now.

Is 400 people the cap for the room? Was that before the stage was built? There were 150 chairs for "Joseph..."

We would be able to book smaller events for a flat fee plus riders. And get contracts with local groups to perform. Make it clear we are separate from Robin and Abe's.

Even if Robin closes Abe's, it doesn't affect us.

Carol's brother is an accountant who "owes her"; she'll ask him for some advice.
Diane Ekes is willing to assist with the paperwork and bureaucracy of management.
We need plans in place for a business scenario.
What and who will be in charge of what?
We need a business plan and what would our focus be? Timeline for our wants and needs?
If we can't do this, there is a strong possibility that Hickory Grove will close its doors.
Tim Tropher could be a possible manager for the room. He is a retired business man who used to do this sort of thing and is bored. Doug will contact.
We need gas, garbage, electric information before we can make a final decision.
If the gas can't be separated, is it a stopper for us?
Amy will talk to the insurance and Curt for information.
What will OCCCA insurance cover vs. our insurance?
We also need loss of income insurance.

Resources

Carol wants an iron, board, and cover for the Clubhouse. (Doug will pick up.)
Projector and LED based lighting (2000 grant) applied for.
Carol and Doug discussed lights at length.
Do we need to spend all this on lights when we might have to leave the building?

Season Tickets

Who is doing it? Will doesn't have time to do it all.
We have tried and nothing much comes from it. There isn't much incentive to buy them and only a few member ever even buy season tickets.
[VOTE] We will do away with tickets. [PASSED]

Newsletter

Send Will photos. John might be taking over for Will. Will doesn't get Facebook, so doesn't have access to the photos and will not chase after stories.

Social

October 28th at 6pm is the VCCT Costume Party at the Clubhouse.

Clubhouse

It now has a working toilet!

Extras

Carol won't be here for the November Notes.
Will could use a piano player for rehearsals, if anyone knows of anyone.

Meeting adjourned 9:35pm