

VCCT Board Meeting 8/28/19

Called to order: 7:02pm

Amy F., Jeani C., Will M., John W., Ken M., Dianne J., Sally S., Doug K.,
Kimberly E., Carol W.

Treasurer Report

Please get all receipts to Jeani ASAP.

The CD is coming due - should we keep it rolling or deposit it?

[VOTE] We should keep the CD and let it roll over another year. [PASSED]

Regular Account

July 2019

Deposits =\$4170.66

Checks =\$2151.49

Total Balance =\$6609.94

Current to date: 9689.09

CD =\$6290.18

Building Fund

July 2019

Deposits =\$3221.14

Checks =\$2206.29

Total Balance -\$18990.29

Current to date: 16784.00

“The Last 5 Years” recap will be next month.

The RTHS Renaissance group has sent a donation letter.

[VOTE] We will donate our usual \$50 to the Renaissance group. [PASSED]

“The Complete History of Theatre [Abridged]”

Kimberly asked and got a 10% discount due to missing contract items during the show run. The next invoice had a service fee which was said to be standard practice to any event in the room. Kimberly discussed further and the fee was removed with a 5% discount. The next invoice had a mathematical error which we will point out to Salt 251 and pay the correct, contracted amount minus a 5% discount equal to \$852.15.

We will be very specific in the future with contracts moving forward. Exact wording and always ask about any and all fees.

New Season

We don't have a known opening date for the theater, so should we actually plan a large show? What shows are other options? Kimberly typed up a packet of ideas for next season, plus a list of well known, popular shows (both musical and straight play) for the future. We are going to need to perform at least every other month, which non-VCCT productions inbetween.

We could do more kids' shows (both for kids and with kids).

We need a script/season committee to read and propose seasons at least a year ahead.

Directors can suggest show they would like to produce.

Creston Booster Hall is available for a smaller venue option. It can seat 64 with tables and 110 with theater seating.

We will plan on the first half of 2020 will be shows which could be performed anywhere, just in case.

Contact Kimberly if you want to direct or would like to be on the season committee.

The murder mysteries (one-and-done type) are considered fundraisers, not part of the season.

Rochelle Park Dist.

They would like an instructor for a theater camp for kids. It would be 1 or 2 nights a week for about a month with a small performance at the end.

It could be any age range, any style - this would be ours to build from scratch.

Could we do a Spanish camp/have translators to include more of the community?

Even in our season, could we do Spanish plays?

Amy, Jeannette, and Carol could possibly collaborate and find old outlines of children's theater.

Revvig Up

Rochelle is hosting a 5 night event for marketing and fundraising and working together to build up Rochelle. It will meet Sept 10th at Hicks Hall, and every Tues after until Oct 8th.

Dianne and Kimberly will go to the 1st meeting to find out more.

Active Shooter - EMT Drill

It is Oct 19th, meeting at RTHS for character prep and wounds. The drill will be from 9am -noon.

There will also be a meeting 2 weeks prior.

Ken will be the VCCT contact for anyone interested. (Curt is the drill contact.)

Organization Committee

Nothing to report.

Dianne had someone donate some kimonos for costumes.

Work Dates

The first 3 weekends of Sept.

Actual organized work days will be Sept. 7th, 8th, 14th, and 15th. There is a lot to do - for all abilities.

The gym floor was only pulled up ½ way.

Heritage Fest

Went well but we're boring. Just walking with the banner/van and passing out flyers.

We need to mark calendars and plan ahead - be creative.

“Inlaws, Outlaws, and Other People Who Should Be Shot”

The cast is set and has had their first read-through. The show needs a full stage. There are a few ideas being thought out. What Flightdeck had for the murder mystery was it. It's about 2K to rent a stage, but they would bring it in, set up, and take away. There are only 2 days set up and have tech.

Lights are another issue - we need more and stronger. Renting is a possibility, though buying makes more sense in the long run.

“Murder on the 19th Hole”

By Monday, there were almost enough people for the cast. The lead male is still missing. There are a few new people and a few people who've been in recent shows and one long-time supporter. There will

be only 6 rehearsals.

The doors open at 5:30pm and show starts at 6pm. Tickets will be \$40.

The Johns will give us the 25K and has set the wording for their sign for the lobby.

Casino Night

The next is Sept. 11th. Will is the contact and will be there the whole time.

Location is unknown yet.

Community Foundation of N. IL

The grant is open and coming up fast. The past awards were granted to events/ideas vs. actual items. It is due Sept. 23rd. Doug has the grant info from the lights grant and will get it to John for the lighting committee to come up with specifics to ask.

New Building

(2 big votes needed)

Central came back offering \$100K. Holcomb Bank got creative and is sharing the risk with the other 3 banks of a \$150K construction loan. It will have a 20 year amortization and 5 year balloon.

\$1100/month mortgage. They would take the 4 back lots for collateral and would work with us if we sell to the city.

We also have the understanding if we come into a large sum of money, we'd pay down the loan first.

The city may be interested in the 2 paved lots with the understanding that they repave and maintain them. It's being checked into.

The neighbors are still interested in the meadow, but so is the city.

Because the building is not being used as collateral, insurance doesn't matter.

We will change of "future home" sign to include, "in cooperation with...."

How long can we wait and sit on the building without the loan, while paying to use a lesser venue?

If we take the loan, we have to start planning to immediately have income to start paying the mortgage.

How much are we, as a board, expected to contribute to the construction? Legally, we can not do the large work in the building.

[VOTE] We move to have the officers sign the loan offer at 6.5% for 20 years. [PASSED]

[Amy Frank - aye

Will Mingus - aye

Jeani Camplain - aye

Kimberly Ekes - aye

Carol Weidmann - aye

Doug Kroupa - aye

John Witaker - aye

Sally Sawicki - aye

Dianne Jenner - aye

Ken Manning - aye]

Will presented a building budget to be passed in whole. The building committee needs to be able to work without the need to call a vote for every item. The budget is based on actual estimates and research.

[VOTE] We move to except the proposed building budget with a 5% variance. [PASSED]

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HayDay 2019

Hay is coming up Oct. 12th. We are getting a haybale once again. And the city would like some 'scarecrows' to appear again. Then, Jennifer contacted with the idea of a "Advice from the Old Coots" booth.

Kimberly will be the contact for it.

Exit 99

Kimberly is in contact with the group, who is currently meeting to come up with date possibilities.

Adjourned

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