

VCCT Board Meeting 7/25/18

Meeting called to order at Amy's Office at 7:00p.m.

In attendance: Amy F., Ken M., Dianne J., Sally S., John W., Doug K., Carol W., Kimberly E. & special guests the Gary M., Jeannette Mingus & shadow.

Treasurer's Report

June

Total = \$14896.83

It's unknown if the new bank has interest on the account.

Current Bank Balance \$16478

Certificates remain unchanged from last month

Certificate #1 \$6387.42

Certificate #2 \$6252.61

Capital Gains total remains in checking account at \$21.00 until we open a new account for this purpose.

During the shows, the tickets, concessions, & 50/50 need to be tracked and separated better. We should buy a few zippered bank bags for the future.

Old Business

IL Theater Association

We have joined. We can post show notices, auditions and other PR. We need more information about the convention to decide if anyone can go.

Chamber

Our membership has been renewed. We need to get information into the Chamber's newsletter. There is a "Business After Hours" once a month. One group hosts and everyone socializes and gets to know the business. Dianne talked to them about VCCT hosting at old Lincoln to show what we're planning and what's been done already. We can't have food inside the building. And until it gets cleared out, we can not have the public inside. Perhaps a food truck in the parking lot?

The Chamber could put together our wish list of needs for the project.

The hosting may have to wait until the building can be toured.

New Building

Gary M. is on the project and has already sprayed the mold and has started cleaning. Needs to get the ceiling on the south side out. He also recommends power washing the walls. About how many square feet for a dehumidifiers? Get the mold 1st and get ceiling fans to run all the time.

There are some issues with finding a dumpster. Amy is getting quotes for sizes, pickups, etc. When she called to set up last week, the numbers changed - 3x the original quote and added a weekly rate. Gary will check on options. It might be an option to just contract a regular dumpster now instead of later.

The elementary school is using one room for storage. They're not very concerned about anything happening to the desks. If and when we need the room, we can move it.

Gary has donated a rider mower which runs for an hour a time. Dianne has a lawn sweeper, which might work. We need a schedule of who's mowing on a regular basis.

We are leaning toward Jennifer as the architect. She seems more professional, uses digital planning, and has worked with the city on other projects. Her vagueness on some of the figures is the only hesitation. Rene was very detailed with prices but not as professional. We will need to rezone, which means we need the architect before we can get the plumbers and contractors.

[VOTE] If the board president approves of the revised bid, we will move forward with Jennifer.

[PASSED]

Money is going to be going out very fast and regular bills will be starting up.

Heritage Festival

The forms are in. There are some big ideas, but after the last meeting, Jeannette came up with a simple, and fun idea. A flatbed with large moving boxes marked “props”, “costumes”, “makeup”, etc. Maybe some large props. Dianne, Amy, and John all have trailers. Jeanette can get the boxes.

We can pass out some information about the new building.

New Business

‘The Complete Works of Shakespeare [Abridged]’

Everything is down and stored. The show was great. The concessions and bar actually made a little money. The large sign outside and the stage are still both up. The update will come next month.

Get all receipts of Jeani.

50/50 Raffle

We have to be more careful about the rules. Keep separate records and report to the city clerk.

RMU

We need to get on the calendar for tree removal. Sally will check on it.

New Building

The neighbors, Liz & Chuck, expressed interest in the extra lot. We should ask Todd to open a dialogue.

[VOTE] We should ask Todd to do an assessment on the lot and come up with a negotiation.

[PASSED]

Securing the widows has begun. The mold removal has begun. The security cameras are going up. The scrapping of the paint, cleaning and gutting the rooms is needed. The Andersons went through with the new design idea, asked some questions, and are looking into it.

We need to move everything from the storage unit and the stage to the building. We will plan a date and let Robin know.

Susan Young has offered to make buttons to advertise.

We are sure we are going to move the stage. There is some worry the stage would get trapped if Hickory Grove were to shut its doors.

The fundraiser will be on the website this weekend.

We will need a separate account as soon as possible.

[VOTE] We will open another account at Central Bank for the new building funds along with a new Paypal account. [PASSED]

Fundraiser letter - Amy will get it from Ben and the chamber list to Jeannette. There will be a huge fundraiser with the Kiwanis September 1st.

Fundraiser Ideas

Rochelle's Got Talent - Jeannette and Kimberly can collaborate.

Jeannette has a presentation with 4 main ideas for each month coming up. (golf outing, talent show, fast food non-profit nights)

Walt Willey can't be at the new venue. We'll need more seats for ticket sales to make any money. Sally has already talked with the high school, and the show can perform there. \$2300 up front doesn't really make sense for a fundraiser. It may be a risky bet for a fundraiser, but a potential show for the future.

The Kenneys would like to host a tasting event at their business when they are open.

Kimberly would like to combine the fancy dinner/gala event with the winter radio event.

Casino night with Rockford Charitable Gaming is one long day. We need the change box with us, but we get it all back. We're selling the chips for the casino event. We would also need a gaming license which will work for 4 times a year. RCG will set up everything and runs the games, we supply 4-6 people to work quickly and accurately, and pay the venue and the guards.

Gary would like to build and run a haunted hayride starting next year. There are already many ideas and he has the space.

Grants

Walmart, John's bank, community grant through RACF?, Monsanto have all been started.

Let's move forward with Jeanette's events. We want the talent show, but if we can do the golf outing in October do that and hold the talent show. Portillo's event in November and Culver's in August.

Next meeting ; August 22nd at Amy's office.

Meeting adjourned: 1030pm