

VCCT Board Meeting 9/25/19

Called to order: 7:07pm

Amy F., Will M., Ken M., Dianne J., Sally S., Doug K., Kimberly E., Carol W.
Special Guests: Karl & Dhana Hansen

Treasurer Report

The Treasurer was not present tonight, but gave Amy the information to pass on.

Regular Account

August 2019

Deposits =\$728.52

Checks =\$1604.59

Total Balance =\$9733.87

CD =\$6290.18

Building Fund

August 2019

Deposits =\$0

Checks =\$2206.29

Total Balance -\$16784.00

Casino Night

They had a great time and made \$1400. The next event is set for Oct. 28th in Buffalo Grove. Some more helpers would be greatly appreciated.

Murder Mystery Dinner

67 tickets sold and the audience seemed to enjoy it. The owners of Salt251 were there and would like to do more. It was \$20/plate + \$75 for the bartender + \$26 for expenses. The actors were tipped, and there are people who want to stay in the group. The ticket winner is donating the gift back to be in the silent auction.

Quarter Auction

Amy will be gone, but it is set for Nov. 7th with Beth Kvoool. Will will be in charge of volunteers.

Haunted Yard Fundraiser

Karl & Dhana Hansen have a Halloween display in the yard every year and shared a video with the group. They are asking for help to set-up and possibly have a few actors to help keep an eye on things and pass out candy. It would be from 5pm-8pm (an hour before to set up) on the 31st. Kimberly and Ken will work with them.

[VOTE] We will help out and work with the Hansens on their Halloween display. [PASSED]

Buttons

Susan Young would still like to make buttons as a fundraiser. Perhaps make donor buttons for each season. Would they actually be worn? Wearing a donor button to events could possibly get you something (ie. chips, pop, etc.) The different levels could mean different perks. Kimberly had a list of perk ideas compiled from other groups. Dianne, Susan, and Sally will come up with some ideas.

Selling Seats

How would that be different from season tickets? Could we do the same with advanced ticket sales? We wouldn't be able to keep track of it for every event. Though this might be a great idea to revisit for future seasons.

Upcoming Meetings

[VOTE] We will move the winter meetings to November 20th and December 11th. [PASSED]
The culminating event should be in January. The nomination committee should have a list in Sept., with the ballot in Oct. and they must be sent out in Nov. with the vote in December.
We will ask Doug, Renee, Jeanette, Curt, Terry D., and Terry C. to be the committee.

Membership

December 31st is the end of the season and everyone must renew their membership in January. Anyone who helps with a show becomes an associate member. \$10 will make you a voting member. We should build a way to vote online.

Revved Up Rochelle

Ken, Kimberly, and Dianne were all able to attend the first couple of meetings. It is very interesting and nice to meet so many people in the city. And especially nice to hear that arts and entertainment are very high priorities for many people. There is going to be an arts and entertainment committee even.

Winter Show

It is in rehearsal and going well.

Season

We should suspend actual productions until the building is open and focus now solely on fundraising. The season committee is concentrating on 2021 season to plan ahead.
Fundraising idea: 2020 Drive to get 100 people to pledge \$10/month for a year in order to pay the mortgage for the first year.

Summer 2020

Hopefully, we will be able to open to the public Summer of 2020. There is an idea for the grand opening to be a review of past shows. We could open it to all the building donors.

Active Shooter Training

It is still set for Oct. 19th and being worked on.

Building

The loan is waiting to be signed for as long as possible. The City counterproposal for the lots came through. They suggested we donate all 4 lots to them and then they will pave the two lots so we can use it. They claim it will cost \$50k to pave the lots (we got a quote for \$30k). They offered \$6k for the "meadow." Bottom line is that we asked for \$50k for all 5 lots, they countered with \$6k for all 5 lots.
Are we losing control of the property? Are we giving up all of our parking? We would still have the parking around the building as part of our property. And we would be able to use the new city lots, but they wouldn't be part of our property. And we wouldn't have to maintain them or pay the tax on them. We could ask that the lots can not be built on for the next 20 years.

[VOTE] We will counter offer with the 4 lots, the triangle, and meadow for a donation of \$20K plus all fees. As long as no buildings will be built on them for the next 20 years, and we have priority use

during our events. [PASSED] [ROLE CALL: Doug, yes; Amy, yes; Kimberly, yes; Ken, yes; Dianne, yes; Carol, yes; Will, yes; Sally, yes]

An apron on the front of the stage will take away our capacity for the room, so we won't need a sprinkler system. It would cost about \$30K.

[VOTE] We make the stage 100 sq ft., or what is needed, for the proper capacity rating.

We need more volunteers, or start hiring the help needed to finish the building. Will and Steve can not keep doing everything. There is A LOT to be done, but not enough people are showing up. There are tasks for all levels of abilities.

Fundraising

We got the Union Pacific grant.

Remember the casino night coming up and Quarter Auction.

Exit 99 is set for Nov. 16th at 6pm at Salt 251.

Lighting Committee

Sweetwater from IN will be looking at the design. Upstage and Grandstage will give quotes and ideas. They have been looking at the different lights to use.

Grants

Jennifer T. and Kim M. both sent grant possibilities. Carol will be working on them. Marilyn does not want to do them anymore.

We should come up with a name for the building. It is the home of VCCT but not the VCCT Theater. Come up with suggestions.

Adjourned

9:57pm