



## Village Arts Coalition

---

VAC Meeting      Date: February 16, 2009

Location: Avalon Building

Board Attendees: Melba Shepard, Deborah Howard, Steward Hartman, Robert Schaedla, Anne Vickery, Jane Bunin, Betty England, Willard Crary, Caroline Stepanek, Carla McKenna, Chuck Palmer, Marshall Shapiro, Stan Wilkes, Susan Reisser. Avalon Representative: Hermine Higgins.

Meeting was called to order by Melba at 7:06 PM.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Approval of January 19, 2008 minutes – Willard moved, Marshall seconded, passed unanimously.
2. **Financial Update:** Stan presented an 11 month update. Donations are up with the addition of the Ycas piano. He has split out the insurance information. Newsletter expenses are double what they had been. The net income now shows as a net loss, due to depreciation figures, but in actuality, cash income is greater. Janitorial and management fees account for a difference, since those duties had previously been voluntary. The subcontract income has increased considerably, with Hermine's position. Stan requests all bills be paid and income reported by the end of February.
3. **FDIG Share Consideration:** Stan updated the preliminary calculations of selling his share. He has reduced the price because the buyer will get credit for property taxes. Stan requests a commitment as to whether the VAC wants to purchase a portion of his shares. **MOTION:** Marshall – "I move that we expend the total of \$45,000, by closing a money market account, and taking cash out of the bank for a total of \$45,000 to purchase available shares of FDIG." Steward seconded. Stan and Chuck abstained, with the rest voting yes. Stan will have to find other buyers or he could decide to hold them and continue to be an FDIG investor, in which case his voting role in the organization would not change. A 60 day waiting period will be held to give other FDIG share holders an opportunity to question the changes. Stan will give the purchasers the entire year's profits, and date the purchase effective January 1, 2009.
4. **VAC Contributions and Procedures:** Stan noted that VAC charitable contributions are misunderstood and misused. He completed a write-up of proper procedures and use of charitable contributions to the VAC, clarifying that member groups do not qualify for the VAC 501(c) 3 status.
5. **Status of Pianos at the Avalon:** Stan presented confusion regarding the pianos at the Avalon. Of four pianos, he reports that he has gotten information from John Ycas regarding his piano donation. Another, given by Halina, was sold, but there

- is no record of the original donation, and Stan suggested we return the money to Halina, and then let her choose whether or not to donate it to the Avalon. Another is the used grand piano Jim Borzym has purchased. It is in use, and Jim is seeking partners on its cost.
6. **Disposition of Old Dance Floor:** The old international festival dance floor currently is being stored by Christy Barden, who is moving to California, and needs to have it removed. Christy offered to take it with him if we have no use for it. **MOTION:** Anne – “I move we will make a gift of the old floor to Christy Barden.” Willard seconded. Passage - unanimous.
  7. **Ingvar’s Party Plans and Resolution Consideration:** Melba reports that the name will be “Sodal Hall,” and not “Sodal Studio.” **MOTION:** Willard – “I move we adopt the resolution on Ingvar as edited.” Jane – seconded. Passage – unanimous.
  8. **Individual Memberships and Thanks to Donna:** Donna Schonle has put effort into increasing individual membership, now three times what it was last year. Melba will write a thank you note to her.
  9. **Stomp:** Caroline reports that we will reduce printed copies from 1000 to 800, to prevent waste. Postage costs have doubled for mailing to member groups.
  10. **Web Site:** Marshall procured an estimate on the cost of calendaring features of somewhere between \$600-1,000, to deal with the user confusion regarding dance events. **MOTION:** Chuck – “I move we spend up to \$1200 to build a calendaring feature for the VAC website.” Willard seconded. Passage – unanimous.
  11. **Avalon Report:** Chuck reported that the expansion of the Avalon floor is complete, after two work parties. Halina found bargains on paint and has painted several areas. Bathroom wallpaper is ready to go. Chuck intends to place base coving around the ballroom floor. The county has not gotten back with Chuck yet, and he thinks the earliest possible call for people will be March 18 for the special review. It has been suggested we approach this as a political campaign, and Anne will get country commissioner names and contact information, and will work with Chuck on wording.

The next regular board meeting is March 16, at 7 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM, Jane motioned, Marshall seconded, unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Reisser