



Village Arts Coalition

VAC Meeting Date: May 18, 2009

Location: Avalon Building

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

Meeting was called to order by Melba at 7:08 PM.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Approval of minutes – Anne motioned; Willard seconded. Passed unanimously.
2. **Finance:** Stan presented an overview of the past two months, reporting a loss of \$192 as compared to last year, which showed a profit of \$6,000. Accounting for differences are increased computer and web site expenses, personal property tax, increased newsletter costs. Avalon rental income is down. We did receive a grant of 25,000 from the Human Relations Commission for the International Festival, but that is not yet on the statement. Marshall stated that we've made the big investment in remodeling the web site. Blue Moon Dance Company is a new member group.
3. **Update on FDIG Shares:** Stan reported that BIFD wants to participate in purchasing a portion of his share, which he recommends, particularly in light of the financial situation. Deborah - **"I move VAC reduce its purchase of Stan's shares to \$40,000."** Anne seconded. Marshall amended the figure to \$39,000, so that BIFD can purchase a 1% portion. Deborah and Anne approved the amendment. The motion passed, all in favor with Stan and Chuck abstaining. Stan will redo the numbers, send the contract to Deborah for signature and a check to be returned to Stan. It will be dated as of today, but the profit share will date to January 1, 2009. Melba thanked Stan for all the work.
4. **International Festival:** Hermine reported that we now have 17 vendors; no food vendors have signed up. Chuck proposed we not work to find food vendors. The city will allow us to use water to weight the barrels for the tent, provided the water returns to Denver, and a fee of \$300 will be charged to do so. Volunteers are needed. Fliers have been printed and were taken by board members for distribution.
5. **Stomp:** No report.
6. **Web Site:** Marshall reports a great increase in hits since the calendaring feature began. That is the most popular page on the site. Hermine stated that she is receiving fewer phone calls now that we have this feature.

7. **Avalon/Hearing with Boulder County Planning Commission:** Chuck has lined the parking lot with used power poles, at no cost. The Planning Commission meeting is Wednesday. 194 positive response emails and letters have been sent, one negative, which they will address. Jim Borzym will speak, focusing on the community; Arnold Guminski will present a legal analysis. Chuck's comments will clarify the application itself. Comment will be opened to the floor.

The next regular board meeting is June 15, at 7 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM, Willard motioned; Deborah seconded; unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Reisser