



Village Arts Coalition

Minutes: VAC Board Meeting 3 October 2013 at the Avalon. Called to order at 7:08 PM by President Larry Utter.

Present: – Susan Smith, Steward Hartman, Rick Thompson, Willard Crary, Deborah Howard, Larry Utter, Caroline Stepanek, Joseph Snowhawk, Jim Borzym, and Melba Shepard.

Guest: Christina Geck

1. **Approval of Minutes** of 5 September 2013 on motion by Susan, second by Deborah. Approved as submitted.

2. **Standing Reports**

- a. **Treasurer** Deborah reported that we will not be receiving any FDIG profit distribution at the end of this calendar year, 2013. The Board is anxious to get a financial report.

- b. **Avalon:** Susan read the Avalon Report that Chuck Palmer submitted by email late today. Important to note that the Certificate of Occupancy for Sodal Hall has been issued and that users of Pearl St. Studio will be moving to Sodal Hall during the month of October. (See attachment at the end.)

Rick reported on the breaking of a sculpture on display in the Avalon lobby area on Saturday, September 14. The Board discussed the issue of damage to art work at the Avalon and various liability concerns.

Melba moved that we refrain from paying \$6000 for the damaged sculpture until the Board has a chance to discuss art at the Avalon and has established a policy in that regard. Second by Jim. Passed 10-0.

- c. **Avalon Manager Report:** Rick reported that the Avalon is getting unexpected extra use as we are accommodating rentals that were flooded out at other venues.
- d. **Web site Report:** Concern was expressed about errors on the website. Referred to Marshall Shapiro to handle.
- e. **STOMP:** No volunteer has stepped forward to continue the STOMP publication in any form. Only the VAC dance calendar will be on the web site. If in the future someone volunteers, STOMP may be resurrected.

3. Business (Old and New)

New Accountant: A new accountant was recommended by the Finance Committee. Willard moved to approve the accountant contract with Dick Buckingham. Second by Deborah. Approved 10-0. A discussion about the bookkeeping process with explanations by Rick ensued.

FDIG/Pearl Street Studio: The Board discussed the letter from FDIG concerning the future of Pearl St. Studio. The consensus of the Board is to keep our economic interest in FDIG for the long term and that we are not interested in increasing our interest in FDIG.

Village Arts Coalition name change: Rick and Jim will work on the steps necessary to submit to the Colorado Secretary of State a "Doing Business As" (DBA) addition for VAC. They will investigate the other changes needed to fully implement this change.

Bylaws: The Board reiterated that the charter of the Bylaws committee (Willard, Steward, Jim) is to submit changes that make the current Bylaws consistent and clear, to word and submit the change for the terms of the directors expiring at the next Annual Meeting, and to submit a modification to clarify the definition of a Quorum for the Annual Meeting. Changes reflecting a restructuring of the VAC organization will not be made until the Board makes decisions in that regard.

Motion to Adjourn: Moved by Jim. Second by Deborah. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned 8:59 PM. **Next Meeting is 7 November 2013, 7 pm**, at the Avalon.

Donation of other FDIG shares to VAC: postponed

Level at which decisions are made: The issue is whether or not all committee decisions should be recommended to the board for approval. It will be debated at a later meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Steward Hartman (for Susie Reisser)

Attachment: Avalon Report submitted by Chuck Palmer

Avalon Report Oct 3 2013

Everything is finished on Sodal Hall and the Certificate of Occupancy is in the mail. County was just waiting for the Fire Marshall report, they got it and the CO is mailed.

The plan has been sent to the Fire Marshall for the kitchen stairway egress. The permit is on the way.

The Gustavo stairs and the Kitchen stairs have been poured. Working on the hand rail. The tango studio mirrors are being installed, one was cracked? but all will be fixed.

Because the banquet facility at Spice for Life was flooded they have been renting the Avalon whenever they could/can as a banquet hall.

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