

Minutes of the Arena Theater Board of Directors November 29, 2023

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. at City Hall by Board President Beattie.

Roll Call Present in Person- Beattie, McMurtry, Vanderwoude,, Andersen, McFarland
Present by Zoom- More, Crutcher, Sussman
Absent- Curbelo
Staff Present: Dagmar and Shauna
Guest- Lisa Jaokimides by Zoom

Privilege of the Floor/ Correspondence nothing to report

Approval of the agenda Motion to approve by Mitch; second by Tim unanimous

Approval of Minutes from October 25, 2023 board meeting Mitch asked if everyone had seen the last minute addition to the minutes concerning the closed session. Mark then moved to approve; second by Tim approved unanimously

President's Report President Beattie thanked everyone for their work on Film Festival and hopes to see it continue.

Secretary's Report Secretary McFarland discussed the information booklets that are in what seems like constant state of change. He offered to make the changes in each director's copy if they bring them to the office. These booklets are to be surrendered at the end of a members time on the board so that it may be given to the person next holding that seat.

Treasurer's Report Financial reports have been sent via email to each director. Sundance's reported that we are half way through our fiscal year. The second quarter loss \$6600, but that figure can be looked at in more than one way. We are still ahead of this point last year. The third quarter is always our best as the membership renewals come in strong that quarter. Also, the Film Festival was very successful and will be part of the third quarter.

The committee discussed the idea of increasing rental rates. This led to a discussion of rates for weddings which is currently very inexpensive. It was pointed out that while we have value in our unique ability to provide video and an exceptional sound system, we lack many of the assets of other wedding venues.

The committee has requested a closed session prior to the January meeting. It shall be agendized.

Standing Committee Reports

Membership In the absence of the chair Lisa reported that membership is up slightly with 468 persons able to counted as members. Donations were double of last year, but largely because of a single large donation. We did get new sponsor, patron and benefactor memberships.

Fund Development working of fundraisers and grants.

Programming Cinema Dagmar didn't have much to say, but pointed out that The Rocky Horror Picture Show did very well with 87 attendees. She also mentioned the upcoming films. [Film Festival](#) Shauna

reported that it was a huge amount of work, but a grand success grossing over \$8700 in addition to a \$2000 grant to help produce the show. The expectation is that we will do this again next year and there will be discussion as to what changes might benefit the festival. **Live** No shows in November but Third Monday Music on December 18 . **Telecast** Opera has started and will present on December 9. Exhibition on Screen for the Klimt show was a big success with 60 in attendance. **Publicity** No report. **Film Club** we now have 70 members. 46 people came to *A Fish Called Wanda* and 26 of them were paying guests. **Personnel** did not meet **Facilities** Everything is fine under Tim's outstanding leadership Tim read a prepared statement outlining his great respect and appreciation for the work done on the Film Festival, especially Shauna and Dagmar. Applause all around.

Meeting adjourned 8:48 p.m.

Next meeting date—Wednesday, January 31, 2023 (reminder: no December meeting)