

WHEATLAND MUSIC ORGANIZATION
VIRTUAL BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
April 11, 2023

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Baker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andy Munsch
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kent Blackmer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claudia Rey-Perry
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Caver	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caroline Passariello
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carrie Harris	<input type="checkbox"/> John Reiser
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marilyn Hummel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maria Reiser
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary Ane Krum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don Short
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jo McLachlan	

EMPLOYEES PRESENT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lola Tyler	<input type="checkbox"/> Brooklyn Young	
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GUESTS: Greg Hoff, Tom Ball, Peach Burke, Barb Oakley

The meeting was called to order at 6:39 PM.

Proposal Chili, second Jo, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

1. First Aid is requesting approval for First Aid training of CPR and De-fib (which they have previously done). Triage training also requested. Board consensus that they may repeat the First Aid trainings but not add Triage at this time, due to liability concerns.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

1. Memberships are coming in steadily. Currently @ \$75,000. Main comments are that people want to be sure that they will be able to purchase festival tickets.
2. John Witucki reports that Annie Hunt is entering Hospice Care. CACC will be erecting a plaque in her honor. Following discussion, proposal Chili, second Jeff, that we send a live plant to the family with tremendous thanks for her years of service to Wheatland and the community. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Volunteer trainings are 5/20 and 8/12/23.
4. Derek Shepard will be staying on site between volunteer training and TAW to handle any issues that arise. The Board supports this. He will stay in the Main Stage building, as he has before. Jo & Jim will arrive during that time period.
5. Remus Heritage Days: Discussion of WMO having a float in the parade. Suggestions were made to have Mark Baumann coordinate it (if he is willing) and that we feature kids & drumming, with Brenda Bonter (if she is available).

OLD BUSINESS:

1. WMO App: Caroline, Carrie & Lola have reviewed 3 design and development options, with bids. Kansas City developer bid \$15K. Belgium developer bid \$8400. Aloompa, that we have successfully worked with before and who does the Folk Alliance App, bid \$8500. Proposal Don, second Mary Ane, that we accept the Aloompa bid at \$8500, with the caveat that the app be operational by August 1, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Magic of Art & Music Sculpture: Jo led the discussion of the status of the project. There was significant confusion about what we had agreed to. Fully public funded vs: WMO paying a

portion of the cost. Proposal Jo, second Marilyn, that WMO pay Mr. Barnett up to 50% of the projected cost of \$35,000, or \$10,500 plus the \$7000 already raised.

Following more discussion, Jeff brought up the potential to table the discussion until more details could be available. Peach was able to provide us with this information:

Minutes from July, 2022 Board meeting: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. Robert Barnum reviewed his concept for an art project in the Kid's Hill/Pines area. Following extensive discussion, proposal Jo, second Don, that Robert proceeds with the initial phase of the project, which is building the model, at no cost to WMO. Approximate final costs will be approximately \$35k. Decision to be made at a later date. Fundraising needs to be at 50% before the construction of the actual sculpture begins.

It became clear that we voted to not begin construction until 50% of funding has been achieved. The \$7K donations are restricted, and would need to be returned to the donors if we do not proceed with the project. It was noted that we haven't devoted much time or effort into fundraising. The model was constructed by Mr. Barnette last fall. The full-size statue has not begun construction.

Consensus to table the issue until Jo can ascertain the details that we need. She will contact Mr. Barnette and email us ASAP with those details.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Barb Oakley notes that they will need an additional golf cart for performer transport and that there are boundary issues. It was suggested that the road be improved from the Song Stage to behind Kid's Hill. Jeff, Andy, Barb and Ben Krum will meet to review this, keeping Mike Mattingly involved re: the golf cart situation.
2. Finance Committee members. Proposal Jeff, second Mary Ane, that we accept Don Short, Maria Reiser, Caroline Passariello, and Claudia Rey-Perry as Finance Committee members. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Personnel Committee Charter: Proposal Jeff, second Mary Ane, that we accept this updated charter, to reflect current business practices. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Site Survey underway. A drone survey needs to be completed before the trees get leaves. West side is completed, the rest to be completed within 2 weeks or so. Water lines, pump outs, buried cables, etc., will be identified. This survey is designed to be updated as things are added or removed.
5. Confirming previous email vote of March 29, 2023. From Claudia Rey-Perry: **I propose to move \$250K from our Mercantile Bank account to be invested in a 10 month CD at Lake Trust CU with an APR of 4.30%.** This was seconded by Marilyn. The motion carried unanimously. This email vote was re-affirmed by those present at this 4/11/23 meeting. Additional signatures will be needed.

ADJOURN: Proposal Don, second Mary Ane , to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM. Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn Hummel
Board Secretary

