

WHEATLAND MUSIC ORGANIZATION
 BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
 May 9, 2023

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

<input type="checkbox"/> Jeff Baker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andy Munschy (Zoom)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kent Blackmer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claudia Rey-Perry
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Cavern	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caroline Passariello (Zoom)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carrie Harris	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Reiser (Zoom)
<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 (Zoom)	

EMPLOYEES PRESENT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lola Tyler	<input type="checkbox"/> Brooklyn Young	

GUESTS: Jim McLachlan, Greg Hoff, Tom Ball, Pam Burke (Zoom) Tom notes that "It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood".

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM.

Proposal Don, second Mary Ane, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

1. The Sheltered Venue grant has been completed.
2. A Michigan non-profit grant has been applied for.
3. MI Arts Council grant of \$30,000 has been applied for receipt in 2024, if approved.
4. Member ticket sales begin on 6/5/23; 6/19 for general public sales. The office is still selling memberships. 8 max per order. Mail orders must be postmarked 6/19 to be honored.
5. Our current database is old. The tech looked it over and removed some data but will need replacing soon. It has no more capacity. It will be pricey. Lola is looking at options. Consensus, don't skimp on this, and not to replace it before festival. Current storage is all Cloud based.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The Art & Music Sculpture project was reviewed with Robert Barnum as a symbol of and a beacon to the future of Wheatland. Discussion followed of fundraising opportunities. WMO hasn't really begun serious fundraising but have raised nearly \$7000 of the \$35,000 needed. We will have it on display at TAW, with donation forms available. Mr. Barnum needs to begin the project by 7/1 for completion by festival. A Special Fundraising Committee of Jo, Jim and Scott will focus on contacting people, while they are here for TAW. Actual wording of WMO support for the project is unclear. We believe that we said we must raise 50% before beginning the final model. This will be checked. In the meantime, proposal Don, second Scott, that the above Sub-committee begin working, with no monies coming from WMO general funds, only from those directed donations. Motion carries 8-3.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Dave Sak presented a proposal, including early-entry to set up various art pieces. Concerns included the “low level amplification”. The issue was tabled until Andy and Jeff can be in on the discussion.
2. Ira’s books were to be delivered here by 5/23.
3. Remus Heritage Days/DDA banner project was discussed. Reach out to Maria if you have ideas and/or can participate in building a float or developing other ideas.

7:10 – 8:43 PM: The Meeting went into Closed Session to discuss Personnel Issues.

ADJOURN: Proposal Maria, second Claudia, to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 PM. Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn Hummel
Board Secretary