

WHEATLAND MUSIC ORGANIZATION

Board of Directors Meeting

November 13, 2012

Board Members Present: Jeff Baker, Roger Little, Kim Croy, Maria Reiser, Marco Menezes, Tom Ball, Greg Hoff, Carrie Harris, Paul Sachs, Barb Oakley and Mike Bunting.

Employees Present: Lola Tyler

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM. Motion by Maria Reiser, second by Tom Ball, to approve the October minutes. All in favor.

Business Manager's Report:

1. Isabella County runs an outreach program for low income families and Lola would like to donate the sweatshirts left from the festival to the program. There were no objections.
2. Rebecca has been here a little over six months and is doing very well. She has 'settled' in. She says it has been a learning experience.
3. The office will be closed on November 15 for the first day of deer hunting.

Administrative Committee:

1. Bills were presented for review. Motion by Paul Sachs, second by Tom Ball, to pay the bills. All in favor.
2. Roger reviewed the budget report and noted that income exceeded expenses so far this year. As soon as budget requests are received a draft budget proposal will be available, hopefully by Thanksgiving.
3. With several projects happening next year it is probably going to be a 'non-growth' year financially. The projects are intended to further the mission and the board will need to make a conscious decision for that. Comment: 'What we do when not having a festival is why Roger is here'.

Old Business:

1. Acoustic Performance Venue

Rehash the rehash – workshops went well but there is room for improvement. What happens after the workshops happens everywhere at the festival – party time. There is still work to be done on coordinating with Safety and this will hopefully dispel rumors about safety concerns. Hired security and sheriff's department need to be more involved. Rules of etiquette need to be better defined.

Paul would like to seek bids for the next phase of the project – Design improvement and location which will lead to the final phase of building plans. Paul would like to form a steering committee to review bids & plans and move forward. The Kiva is on the five year plan and \$1,800 has been spent on plans. Motion made by Paul Sachs, second by Mike Bunting to form a committee to seek bids for moving forward with the design improvement phase of the conceptual design, improve the concept that will give a cost and culminate in build plans; not to exceed \$18,000. Roger suggested we make this a priority in the budget. Greg Hoff pointed out the Kiva could be a performance venue for songwriters. All in favor.

2. Folk Alliance

Decision on who might attend deferred dependent on the 2013 budget. Maybe send 2 people.

3. Radios

Jeff Baker reported that we are being forced by the FCC to convert our radio system to narrowband by the end of this year and is taking care of the paperwork for that. As a result, the radios we currently own will no longer work. We will need an infrastructure that allows us to rent most of the radios needed and own about a dozen for use at events throughout the year. Bids are being sought for 2 base stations, an antenna system and 1 repeater. Motion made by Jeff Baker, second by Greg Hoff, to include \$17,500 in the 2013 budget for purchase of equipment for our infrastructure and some hand held radios. All in favor. Greg Hoff also asked Jeff to look into the possibility of a cell booster tower during the festival.

4. Arts and Crafts Area

One inquiry has been received concerning taking charge of the festival arts and crafts area. For now the applications will be mailed to everyone on the current mailing list and updated with information relevant to the 2013 festival. Anyone interested in being in charge of this area for the festival should forward a resume and cover letter to the office ASAP.

5. Kim Croy will be the board representative for the Scholarship committee.

New Business:

1. Festival Vehicle Fees

The number of vehicles on site during the festival increases each year causing much congestion. The number of vehicles, along with the size of some camping units, has been a topic of discussion for several years. Several options have been looked at, including a vehicle for everyone as well as possibly limiting the areas where larger units can park. After much discussion a motion was made by Greg Hoff, second by Kim Croy, to implement a \$10 fee per vehicle for the 2013 festival. All in favor.

Carry It On update:

The project is moving forward. School Section Lake Youth Camp has been rented for the project dancers to use in May and September. Still need to figure what part of the budget that cost will come from.

It is possible some TAW attendees will be featured in the project.

Board Dinner:

Several options were given for a board dinner. After discussion, Marco made the motion to have the dinner at the Remus Tavern on December 11. Barb Oakley seconded. All in favor. Meet at 6, order at 6:30. Each board member will have one guest. RSVP by December 5. We will be ordering off the menu.

Motion by Tom Ball, seconded by Carrie Harris, to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Lola Tyler
Business Manager