



FRIENDS OF THE WASHINGTON THEATER, NFP

March 25, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Kathi Dooley, Sharon Bartelt, Brian Durante, Brian Heinze, Jim Lawrence, Signe Oakley, Paul Westerhoff, Kayla Fuller, Anne Pfaffe, Brian Stitt, Linda Shultz

Absent: James Calef, Garriss Brown

Staff: Jason Parrott, Amy Peters

Meeting was called to order by President Brian Durante at 5:30 in City Council Chambers.

Approval of Minutes: No additions or corrections. Motion made by Lawrence and seconded by Heinz. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Bartelt supplied a financial report as of March 21, 2025 showing Savings Account balance of \$226,381.19, CD Balance of \$51,876.71 and Checking Account balance of \$1,077.27. Motion made by Heinze, seconded by Lawrence to approve the financial report. Motion carried. Brian D will schedule a meeting to develop the 2025 budget.

Rivers Edge Tax Incentive – Jason reported that there is tentative approval. He is also pursuing to have the back alley adjusted for our requirements to make access easier to our stage.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Kathy reported that she posted the red carpet on Market Place and has had several individuals/groups interested.

Amy reported that she visited a couple of theaters and recommended some of the board should set up a trip to visit theaters in Rockford, Galesburg, Keokuk and/or Burlington. She also suggested that Kiwanis may be willing to sponsor a Disney Movie night in September and will complete an application. Amy also asked if there was anything we could do to take advantage of Blues in the district. She will also complete a grant application to the Tracy Family Foundation.

Paul reported that he is getting updated renderings completed so they can be displayed in the lobby. He also recommended that we start back up with monthly clean-up days and recommended the 3rd Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m.

Jason Parrott reported that a party is very interested in renting the old law office space for \$1,000 a month. In addition, the 2nd floor tenant wants to extend their lease. He also reminded Paul that the 2nd floor toilet still needs to be fixed. Paul will make sure it is completed.

Event Planning: -

4/12 – Dinosaur Event – Amy reported that has some of her staff helping with setup and also with activities during the event. Brian S will pick up breakfast items to be sold, along with soda/water.

4/12 – United Way Family Feud Brian has arranged help for setup. We will be selling popcorn & soda Signe will reserve a Handicap potty.

5/3 – Movie Trivia: Jim reported that Movie Night Trivia has been posted on our website. Brian will schedule a meeting at his home to discuss and review the questions/slides. Signe will reserve the handicap potty.

Art Center will have people in the building from 9:00 – 4:00 so it was suggested that volunteers are needed to give tours.

5/7 – Music Trivia for Probation Dept – Brian H. will follow up to make sure the payment is received within the next 2 weeks.

Adjournment: Motion made by Heinz, seconded by Lawrence to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 29 at 5:15 p.m.at the theater