FRIENDS OF THE WASHINGTON THEATER, NFP

January 27,2026 at 5:15 p.m.

Present: Sharon Bartelt, Kathi Dooley, Brian Durante (phone), Brian Heinze, Jim Lawrence, Linda Shultz, Paul Westerhoff
Absent: Garris Brown, James Calef, Signe Oakley, Ann Pfaffe, Brian Stitt

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Paul Westerhoff at 5:15 in the Quincy Library.

Approval of Minutes: Shultz motioned to approve the minutes, Heinze seconded and motion carried.

Financial Report:
Shultz supplied a Financial Report for December 31, 2025 and one for January 27, 2026. The January 27, 2026 statement showed a Checking Account balance of $7,957,39,Savings account balance of $170,698,10, CD Balance of $54,930.27 for a total of $223,585.76. She also provided a comparison of actual results against the 2025 budget. Motion made by Heinze, seconded by Lawrence to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building & Grounds: Westerhoff reported he checked the basement and lobby and the heat is holding. He will follow up with the city to see if they have paid Air Specialist.. He also shared that a Music Shop had moved in next door.

Event Planning: It was agreed to have a separate meeting on Wed. 2/10/26 for planning 2026 events. Dooley suggested we consider a holiday event like the Symphony of Trees. She will talk to Kristin Niemann with the Quincy Service League.

Tax Credit – Westerhoff shared information from the meeting with Ryan & Jay who strongly recommended we hire Brian Wishneff & Associates. Westerhoff reminded everyone there would be no cost to us. Westerhoff made a motion to hire Brian Wishneff & Associates, Heinze seconded and the motion carried. It was also agreed to have an attorney review the contract before it is signed,

Marketing – It was agreed that we need more publicity and should do regular updates on facebook, and Muddy River News

Adjournment: Motion made by Lawrence and seconded Heinze to adjourn at 6:00.

Next regular meeting: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 5:15. .