



Village Arts Coalition

VAC Meeting

Date: 12/17/2007

Location: Avalon Building

Board Attendees: Melba Shepard, Ingvar Sodal, Deborah Howard, Steward Hartman, Anne Vickery, Carol Hall, Caroline Stepanek, Dave Sander, Stan Wilkes, Susie Reisser, Betty England, Jane Bunin and Chuck Palmer.

Meeting was called to order by Melba Shepard at 7:40pm.

1. **Past meeting minutes:** Deborah motioned to approve the minutes from the November meeting. Betty seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
2. **Financial Report:** Stan gave a 9 month financial report. A copy is attached as a separate attachment.
3. **STOMP Report:** Caroline reported that the Jan/Feb issue of Stomp! will be out in a few days. The editorial arrangement with PIP seems to be working well with the various groups contributing content.
4. **Web Portal:** Ingvar reported that the new web portal is up, getting populated with content from the various groups, and seems to be working well.

Ingvar pointed out that we need to authorize continuing occasional payments to Judy Dressler for ongoing maintenance of the VAC web portal.

MOTION: Chuck moved that Ingvar be authorized to make payments as necessary for the ongoing maintenance of the VAC web portal with Anne seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **VAC Manager Position:** Ingvar reported that three persons have applied for the position and interviews are ongoing.
6. **International Festival:** Melba reported that Robert and Marshall have agreed to be members of the Festival committee this year.
7. **Ballroom Decorations:** Melba recommended that we thank Halina for her efforts to decorate the unfinished state of the ballroom. The board agreed and Melba will write a thank-you to Halina.

Chuck suggested that the board needs to designate one VAC board member to be a single point of contact so the whole board does not need to get

involved in specific decoration decisions.

Chuck stated his view that until the "tenant finish" is completed by Boulder Dance, LLC, VAC does not manage or control the ballroom decorations; either the generic finish of drapes, cloth coverings, wall color, or specific decorations for the season, or specific artistic decorations. VAC members and others can certainly provide input, suggestions, concerns, and recommend changes of general or specific decorations.

The Board had a discussion on how to provide better interaction and communication with decorators.

Ingvar suggested that the Ballroom decorations and finish needs to be a neutral, secular, and a stable environment to enhance the commercial renting of the space. Stability is especially important because renters contract for the space many months in advance after viewing the ballroom in a certain decorated state. Steward expressed similar concerns.

Anne communicated a specific concern for one of the artistic pictures showing a partially undressed person. Others also expressed this concern

Chuck said he would be the current contact for the Board to express decoration and ballroom finish concerns. Melba agreed to help him if necessary.

8. **VAC Building Fund History:** Stan provided a thorough and complete history of the funds allocated from time-to-time to the bookkeeping entry labeled "Building Fund" and educated the board on how the bookkeeping of financial accounts works on the VAC "Balance Sheet" and "Income Statement."

Stan suggested that we transfer appropriate money amounts between accounts to reflect the actual past history of the "Building Fund."

MOTION: Ingvar moved that Stan transfer appropriate money amounts between accounts to reflect the actual past history of the "Building Fund". Steward seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

After a discussion of the purpose and usefulness of the entry labeled "2792 - Building Fund" on the VAC Balance Sheet Anne moved that VAC continue having the building fund entry as a visible promise to continue working toward financing and paying for a dance space. Deborah seconded the motion. The motion passed with 6 in favor, 2 opposed, 3 not voting. (Note that 2 board members left early.)

9. **Avalon Report:** Chuck updated the Board on the progress of the tenant finish

- 10. VAC By-Law Changes:** Steward verified and the Board agreed that all Board Members have been correctly informed of the pending VAC By-Law changes. All Board members received the proposed changes by postal mail and have been verbally informed in person of the purpose of the proposed changes.
- 11.** Deborah moved to adjourn the meeting, Betty seconded and the Board agreed at 9:55pm. The next meeting of the VAC Board will occur on January 21st, 2008, at the Avalon Building at 7:30pm. If you are attending, please park behind the building and use the back door entrance.

Approved