



Village Arts Coalition

VAC Meeting Date: November 17, 2008

Location: Avalon Building

Board Attendees: Melba Shepard, Marshall Shapiro, Deborah Howard, Steward Hartman, Robert Schaedla, Anne Vickery, Stan Wilkes, Betty England, Willard Crary, Caroline Stepanek, Carla McKenna, Chuck Palmer, Susan Reisser. Avalon Representative: Hermine Higgins.

Meeting was called to order by Melba at 7:00 PM.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Approval of Annual Meeting minutes, October 5, after correction – Anne moved, Willard seconded, passed unanimously. Approval of October 20 minutes – Anne moved, Carla seconded, passed unanimously.
2. **Financial Report:** Stan presented a balance sheet covering the past eight months, from March-October 31, 2008. He stated we are now dependent on Avalon rental for income. Rental income has increased substantially from last year. Our net income this year is half that of the last, because we now pay for services that were formerly free. Janitorial fees have increased, but the VAC is reimbursed \$1030/month, since the fees cover the entire building. Melba suggested we consider increasing member dues. Chuck and Stan have worked out procedures for accounting, so that current checks and expenses will be more quickly reported.
3. **International Festival Date for 2010:** We can now select our date only one year in advance. We discussed changing the date from June to September, but after a straw vote, June 12-13 was settled on.
4. **Ingvar's Party Planning:** Melba reported on the status. She met with Caroline, Ingvar and Sally. Remembering Ingvar's parties at Steamboat, they decided to feature a three day event, including dance parties and skiing, from Feb. 19-21. Ingvar's birthday and the major party/potluck supper will be on February 21. Chuck and Marshall volunteered to coordinate housing for out-of-town guests. Information will be provided on the website.
5. **Stomp:** Caroline reported that reducing the number of copies printed will not result in a substantial savings. She is investigating new places to place them, but the University and the Chamber of Commerce are not options. The next issue will feature Ingvar's party.
6. **Web Site:** Marshall reported that he and Chuck discussed changes with Judy, regarding how to present schedules/calendar. He and Chuck need further discussion to clarify how to proceed.
7. **Avalon Report:** Chuck reported that he and Halina have purchased a significant amount of plaster trimming/mouldings that can be used in the ballroom. Since

they were made in China, Jane will investigate their safety. Chuck has purchased a palette of red oak flooring, for work that will commence January 17 and take approximately a week, to complete the main ballroom floor. **City/County Approval** – Chuck submitted a special use application to the long range planning committee. Various means are being considered, including annexation, or redesignating our use of the building. This may mean that the tenants will be removed, and the building could go to single use as “indoor recreation.” A traffic study may be required. Chuck will continue to work with the county through the process.

8. **Anne’s Tree:** Tree number one deceased. Tree number two was defective, and had been planted at half the original price. Tree number three has now been planted, and Melba requested funding to hire an arborist for soil treatment, which as approved.

The next regular board meeting is December 15, at 7 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM, Steward motioned, Marshall seconded, unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Reisser