



Village Arts Coalition

VAC Meeting

Date: February 15, 2010

Location: Avalon Building

Board Attendees: Steward Hartman, Deborah Howard, Jane Bunin, Marshall Shapiro, Melba Shepard, Stan Wilkes, Dave Sander, Caroline Stepanek, Chuck Palmer, Jeff Pontillo, Susie Reisser. Avalon Representative: Hermine Higgins.

Meeting was called to order by Steward at 7:08 PM, but a quorum was not present until 7:25.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Moved to later in the meeting, when a quorum was achieved. Deborah motioned approval, Stan seconded, passed unanimously.
2. **Financial:** Stan presented a financial statement, through December, a 10 month update. He requested that board members who have financial transactions or questions to submit them before month's end, so he can sum up the fiscal year. Avalon has not had much income in the past couple of months, and is falling behind last year's income. Overall, the bottom line is in the negative, losing \$1142 as opposed to a positive income of \$3,226 last year. Computer, web expense and insurance have increased. FDIG income is almost double.
3. **International Festival:** Hermine reported receipt of a \$1,000 grant from the Boulder Arts Commission. She has applied for a mini-grant from Boulder HRC. She has mailed to vendors, confirmed the tent rental, arranged for security and the Camera sponsorship. She submitted two prototypes of flier for approval. Bev has contacted the performers. Little Buddha is the only vendor so far.
4. **Proposed Bank Account Changes:** Deborah reported that the bank wants to charge \$50 for our investment account, and she recommends we close it and open a regular savings account. "I move we direct the treasurer to open a savings account and close the Chase Investment Account and transfer the balance to savings." Dave motioned, Melba seconded, passed unanimously.
5. **Library Budget:** Melba requested \$200 for the library fund to buy supplies toward opening, that can come from petty cash. Stan will create a library account for the budget. Boulder Public Library gave us a 9' wide and 4' high shelf that may need to be cut. Lavinia Ycas suggests collecting donations beginning in April, and an article will appear in Stomp.
6. **Publicity & Communication with Member Groups and Sodal Hall Build-Out Party:** An email was sent to regular users and VAC members to have dances on nights when the Avalon has not been scheduled to benefit the Avalon. The board had not been notified on this. Chuck explained that when there is an open night, on short notice, the ballroom can be used at no cost, with all proceeds to be

donated to the Avalon. Sodal Hall build out party – we should send Jim X. Borzym's article on volunteering to members because we may not be able to get it into Stomp at the appropriate time.

7. **Avalon:** Chuck has met with the architect. They have determined that we need two more women's toilets, but no more sinks. He is close to a building permit for the church that will occupy part of the building. The church will install the required railing, and will build an office. Chuck met with the HVAC contractor. As soon as we secure a permit, we can schedule work. The first permit will involve railings on the stage, a push bar on the door, and a wheelchair lift. Chuck also cited the need for a special paint as a fire barrier on the foam insulation.
8. **Naropa and Boulder County Funding of Zero Waste:** Chuck has detailed pricing but has not yet reached a decision. He is looking at containers and labeling. Boulder County received federal funds for a Zero Waste Project. Naropa was granted funds from 2010. Melba agreed to call Boulder County to ask about another round of funding for which VAC might apply.
9. **Alternative Posting of Pdf Files on Board Minutes on VAC Web Site or in Stomp:** Currently they are being posted on a public site on the VAC Apple account. There is not yet a web site link. Chuck and Marshall will discuss. Susan will continue to post on the Apple site. We will potentially add Stomp issues to this site. Stan has hard copies of all minutes and Stomp issues.
10. **VAC Web Site:** Marshall made a comparison between 1.09 and 1.10 and noted a significant increase in use, largely related to the calendar. The salsa group receives the highest usage.
11. **Miscellaneous:** Caroline noted that April is dance month, and Boulder Public Library will be hosting an event. VAC will provide issues of Stomp and International Festival fliers. Also, to encourage knowledge among the dance communities of the VAC, we have decided to create a write-up of the VAC as the operator of the Avalon. Marshall and Hermine will craft a sign to display near the brochures.

Dave motioned adjournment at 8:37PM, and Jane seconded, passed unanimously.

The next regular board in a meeting is Monday, March 15 at 7PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Reisser