



## Village Arts Coalition

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**VAC ANNUAL MEETING** April 28, 2013 at the Avalon, convened by Larry Utter, President, at 6:50PM.

**Present:** Board Members - Larry Utter, Chuck Palmer, Willard Crary, Deborah Howard, Caroline Stepanek, Jim Borzym, Susan Smith, Rick Thompson, Susie Reisser, Steward Hartman. Melba Shepard - absent. Representatives of Various Member Groups – a quorum of 19 groups was present. Guests - Stan Wilkes, Jim Schwarzkopff.

**1. Announcements** – The date of the annual meeting has been changed, to accord better with our financial year. Work parties are needed- installing floor in Sodal Hall.

**2. Accomplishments of the Year** – The board started the last term with a retreat. Goals were set: facilities, communication, sustainable organization. Facilities - Getting Sodal Hall underway, aiding Chuck. He is the main force in accomplishing this build-out. Communication - trying to communicate better with our membership. Sustainable Organization - trying to make sure this organization lasts - revised memberships, fee structure for groups was increased, and individual memberships are free. VAC purchased 8 more shares in Boulder Dance, so we now own 14%, accomplished due to a large gift given by Chuck. We had 2 grants from the city, one for Immigrant Heritage Festival, with free admission to various dance events. The other was applied for the International Festival. We tried to change the name of the VAC to better reflect who we are, and we are still trying, no consensus yet. We have brought Jim Schwarzkopff on to manage the festival.

**3. Financial Report** - Stan Wilkes - his last for us. Stan presented a summary of the end of year report, February 28, 2013. Larry added that we hope to add 1% of Avalon per year to VAC. Stan reflected that adding Sodal Hall to the Avalon will change the financial equation.

**4. International Festival** - Jim Schwarzkopff - He is trying to establish focus, mission, and accomplishments - community outreach, public awareness of us, member groups meeting public. Our job is to get a big crowd, expose the organization, a point for people to contribute to us. Raising money - mission is important, fine to break even, and raising money has problems. Jim is trying to find other revenue streams, and he is investigating the concept of sponsorships. He has designed a brochure, will have a schedule, a list of vendors, and has volunteer sign-up sheets. Larry thanked several of the volunteers.

**5. STOMP** - Caroline Stepanek – STOMP is our biggest expense, but is important because it ties us all together. Features different groups, features, keeps people informed. Caroline needs an assistant. Mary Kay Gilson offered some help.

**6. Avalon Report** - Chuck Palmer - Bathrooms are being improved with shower removal and the addition of fixtures, and an assisted family restroom. Sodal Hall is well on the way. New tenant is in the back; Gustavo is creating a tango dance space. The church has moved out. Space is vacant and available. After the meeting, Chuck led a tour of the spaces.

**7. Election of Directors** - Nomination from the floor – Rick nominated Mary Kay Gilson, who teaches Zumba classes at the Avalon. 2nd - Steward. The board approved her nomination. Marsha Crary is the individual member representative, and tallied the votes. Other nominees: Caroline Stepanek, Steward Hartman, Joseph Snowhawk. All elected.

**8. Recognition of Stan Wilkes' Contribution to the VAC** - summary of his extensive activities that have benefitted our community over a very great many years.

**9. Adjournment:** 8:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Reisser  
Secretary