



Village Arts Coalition

Minutes: VAC Annual Meeting 05-18-2014. Called to order by President Larry Utter at 3:40PM.

Present: 13 member groups represented.

1. Completed Sodal Hall late September 2013 with dedication celebration. Thanked Chuck Palmer and the many volunteers who worked to complete the hall.
2. Parking lot is heavily used and needs to be expanded.
3. Ballroom completion – must move heating/cooling.
4. Introduced Jim Schwartzkopff as new Avalon manager.
5. Thanked Rick Thompson for assistance with special events and larger regular events.
6. Thanked Caroline Stepanek for six years of editing STOMP!
7. New web page will include calendar, replacing STOMP!
8. New name for organization, changing from VAC to Boulder Dance Coalition. It is our 25th anniversary.
9. Plea for younger dancers for the board and as volunteers for work parties, etc.
10. Recognized Melba Shepard for her many years of VAC board membership.
11. Need volunteers for International Festival.
12. Introduced Marshall Shapiro. He described elements of upgrade of the VAC web site. It will include pictures of various groups, be used for special events, list calendar activities, and continue web pages for individual groups. Expect the upgrade to be complete at the end of July. Use webadministrator@villageartscoalition.org for contact with web organizer. Marshall is the administrator and representative for the web page.
13. Financial report presented by Chuck Palmer. Stan Wilkes, long-time finance manager retired. We are now hiring an accountant to manage and report on finances of the organization. The greatest financial difference in the Avalon – VAC now owns 14% of the whole Boulder Dance property. Total Assets – 2012-23 \$593,833. 2013-14 \$648,663. Income and Expenditures are greater because the Avalon building is entirely occupied: tango studio, bike center are renters of two large spaces; ballroom, Sodal Hall and North Lobby by VAC. Future Expenses – Construction/Buildout of Ballroom; Building Wilson Studio; Parking Lot Improvements; Purchase of additional shares of Boulder Dance. The financial report can be accessed online.
14. Ingvar Sodal – report on FDIG (Folkdance Investment Group). Economic Interest Holders – VAC holds 25% of total. VAC equity in building \$350,000. Snarf has a long-term lease as sandwich shop. Long term lease of Studio by private individual. Larry reported that VAC board decision to retain our shares. In the past, approximately \$8,000 income/year.
15. Jim Schwartzkopff reported on the VAC International Festival. He is the interface with public for VAC. Needs help with Festival – set-up and takedown, Friday morning and Sunday evening. Handed out Festival fliers. Set up dance tent and vendors. Sponsorship contributions are requested at three levels. Fish bowl logo – one contributor sponsors fish

- bowl, with logo on it. Presented performance schedule. Suggestion – performers be required to volunteer. Jim stated performers are volunteers.
16. Chuck Palmer reported on plans for Avalon. Top priorities for coming year – complete walls and ceiling which requires relocation of heating and cooling and parking lot expansion.
 17. Avalon Management Committee – Report read by Melba Shepard. Four people appointed – three board members: Chuck Palmer, Caroline Stepanek, Maggie Butler and Melba. Staggered terms. Melba's terms will be complete in November, 2014.
 18. Introduction of Willard Crary, who announced process for election of officers. The procedure was carried out as determined by the bylaws. Four candidates were unanimously elected: Deborah Howard, Larry Utter, and Susan Reisser re-elected, and Bill Jones elected as a new member.
 19. Jim Borzým presented gifts to Larry, Chuck and flowers to Melba. Punch and cookies were served as refreshments.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Melba Shepard for Susan Reisser