



Boulder Dance Coalition

Music, Dance & Folk Culture

6185 Arapahoe Road

Boulder, CO 80303

BDC ANNUAL MEETING - 05-22-16 - at the Avalon Ballroom. President Larry Utter called the meeting to order at 3:36.

1. **Welcome and General Remarks** - Larry. We were chosen for the second year in a row as Boulder's Best place to dance by *Boulder Weekly*. We also received an honorable mention award for third best studio. We currently own 24% of the building and property, gaining 4% this year, thanks to a significant donation by Chuck Palmer. Our last year's share cost \$28,095. Current shares are worth \$36,000. We have a way to go to achieve full ownership, and donations are important. We need to focus on legacy giving to help us achieve this goal. BDC Goals for the year include:
 - A. **Coalition Vitality** - 25th anniversary of BDC and 10th anniversary of the Avalon were celebrated this year. We have 38 group members, and usually around 50 by the end of the year, and 269 individual members. Last year we received \$6489 in donations, and we participated in Colorado Gives Day, which netted \$1600. We held an annual meeting, monthly meetings, published the minutes, which are posted on the website. Our financial committee meets quarterly to refine reports and status. Larry is now doing the bookkeeping, tax filing is done in house by Chuck Palmer. We created a new outdoor Avalon sign and a large vinyl banner.
 - B. **Communications** - International Festival – it was successful. We received the Best of Boulder award. Our new name of Boulder Dance Coalition was implemented. We upgraded our website, and need to invest more in this, with security challenges and social media. We sent out one newsletter last year, but would like to do this more regularly and need a volunteer editor for this.
 - C. **Avalon Development** – we purchased 4% of Avalon in fiscal year of 2015. We have an Avalon Management Committee. The Avalon manager, Jim Schwartzkopff, is in place for third year. New street sign installed. New artwork on walls of ballroom and kitchen, which Jim X. put up. Fall work party was a big success. We need input and ideas, and don't get much from members. We need donations, and most importantly, we need your time. We are a volunteer organization. Organizational longevity will continue to be an important focus.
 - D. **Financial** - Larry presented the financial summary. Total assets of \$901,764 Total net income for the year of \$99,460. Our calendar has become quite full.
2. **Reports** -
 - A. **Avalon report** - Chuck Palmer - Build-out of the southeast commercial space has taken precedence over further development of the ballroom. Designs have been developed for new air-conditioning systems; the three columns mocked-up on the south wall of the Ballroom show how the ductwork will be concealed. Designs are in progress for a new ceiling and a wall separating the Ballroom from the main hallway." We hope to keep the

ballroom available as work progresses. Parking lot will be a big project, as well. Wilson Studio is down the road

- B. Avalon Management Committee** - Maggie Butler, Caroline Stepanek, Ingvar Sodal, Chuck Palmer. Maggie - Jim S. Has done a great job managing groups, rentals, etc. We now have rental rate guidelines. Management committee has installed picture rail for artwork, Caroline created the murals in Sodal. We organized 10th anniversary, also birthday party for Melba Shepard.
 - C. Publicity** - winning the Best of Boulder award is good, trying to maximize the effect of that. In April, a group met to work on expanding the network. Website is central. We have added a weekly door calendar. Investigating a Facebook link. Marshall posts regular events, but we want to combine the two extant pages, the BDC and the Avalon websites. Jim S., Julie Lancaster and Do Verdier have made a new handout and card for the festival. Trip Advisor had no listing for us. Maggie has added it – we need reviews! Volunteers have given immensely. Recognized various volunteers.
 - D. International Festival Report** - Jim S. - Everything is in place except paying for it. Tent reserved, Saturday night band which was complicated by a change of date from the city has been worked out. Friday square dance lined up. Bev is getting the schedule line-up done. Set-up and take-down will come together. We have a financial shortfall because we did not get a grant from the city. Our vendors have come in well. Sponsors - Boulder Bodywear. Romanian American Freedom Alliance is partnering. Fishbowl usually brings in about \$700. We have sent funding requests to businesses and to our renters. So why do it? It's a great time, presents our variety. Dance lessons of various types. In the public bringing a social communication. Our impact expands beyond the Avalon. Fine tuning the information booth. Board feels Festival is important and is committed to it.
3. **Member Questions and Comments:** We now have Smile.Amazon.com for contributions. That should be on our FB page. Radu, possible volunteer for the newsletter, raised his hand. Larry will send him the information. Kyle and Kaylie volunteered to work with publicity and coordination of websites, FB, etc.
 4. **Election of Board Members:** Nominees - Steward Hartman, Joseph Snowhawk, Caroline Stepanek - all currently on board. New - Radu Popescu, Jim X. nominated Do Verdier. Larry explained the procedure and rules. All five were elected.

Meeting adjourned 5:05PM

Respectfully submitted,
Susie Reisser
Secretary