

Metropolitan Theatre Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2016

Present: Rick McEwuen, Ron Justice, Kacy Weidebusch, Tina Tallaksen, Joe Kaehler, Robyn Hess, Jay Redmond, Josh Williamson, Jeff Mikorski, Keith Reed, Ken Weiss

Rick called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM in the Theatre Lobby. Minutes from the April meeting were approved with one correction; Josh Williamson was present at the meeting but not included in the roll.

The meeting began with a discussion of the new doors that have been installed. Everyone was pleased with the new doors. Joe said the back-up sound board will be ordered on Friday. The cost is estimated at around \$4500.00 and will be paid out of the “per seat fee” account. The replacement “sight screen” will be a similar cost and also will be paid from the same fund. The current one is water stained and has some tears in it. The new one can also be used as a movie screen.

Ron discussed the proposed agreement between WVU/CCA and the Met. Rebranding of WV Public Theatre has been successful with a successful fundraising event held recently and better than expected ticket sales for the upcoming performances. Kacy voiced concerns that the personal contact between renters of the Theatre and staff might not work as well as in the past. Ron and Joe assured her the line of contact will alter little as a result of the agreement. Other details were discussed such as finances, Morgantown Theatre Company status, Pool Hall status, and fundraising details hat still need worked out. All agreed that current “preferred users” should get priority booking and that all currently booked dates remain intact. Standard operations of the Theatre should remain in place. Public relations will need to be handled properly

Ken made a motion to authorize Jay Redmond, Rick McEwuen and Jeff Mikorski to continue to meet with representatives from WVU/CCA to work out details of the agreement. Robyn seconded the motion and all present voiced approval with none opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Rick McEwuen, chair, secretary

ADDENDUM

The Metropolitan Theatre Commission met again on June 2, 2016 in a special session to discuss the revised Collaboration and Management Agreement.

Present: Kacy Weidebusch, Tina Tallaksen, Jay Redmond, Josh Williamson, Joe Kaehler, Ken Weiss, Rick McEwuen, Jeff Mikorski

Joe reported the back-up sound console has been received and the “sight screen” should arrive about June 16th.

A general discussion of the revised Collaboration and Management Agreement identified a number of corrections and clarifications that need to be made. Jeff will try to have the corrections made and have the agreement ready for a vote at the next regular meeting of the Commission on June 9th.

Rick McEwuen, chair, secretary