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BOARD MINUTES, 12 FEBRUARY 2018

Members Present:

President Courtney Foster, Vice President Laura Dunagan, Secretary Rhian Hibner, Treasurer Maynard Cowan (by telepresence), Director Will Fitzpatrick, Director Sam Allen, Director Ken Hargis, Director Juliana Vadnais, and Director Auri Vigil

Also Present:

General Manager Hali Loving

Minutes Approved:

Minutes approved with minor corrections.

President's Report:

Nothing to Report

Vice President's Report:

Pig Day is scheduled for March 3rd. Maynard Cowan will be here cooking a large amount of BBQ.

Treasurer's Report:

Income is slightly down from last January but is still better than average. Fewer events than usual, and the club needs to increase the number of paid events. Labor and inventory costs should be decreased going forward.

Secretary's Report:

Nothing to report.

Manager's Report:

The downstairs apartment is not in good condition. It is dirty, and a large amount of trash was left behind. The sink in the kitchen is broken as well. Roots have grown into the sewer lines.

Upstairs apartment is going vacant, and the rent is going up \$900 a month.

The city bar license has been paid and is on display.

There is a leak in basement from bar trap to drain. This will cost \$489 to repair and is approved.

Membership:

Ten new members are up for approval. Motion to approve new members by Ken Hargis, seconded by Sam Allen. Motion carries.

Web & Media:

Nothing to report.

Social Media Committee:

Marketing meeting last month. Looking for bios on press members. Access to the membership database will be given to the Social Media Chair, while restricting access to physical addresses or phone numbers.

Art Committee:

Shawna Corey has been recommended for the art committee chair.

Buildings & Grounds:

Thanks to Josh for providing light bulbs for the patio lights and general maintenance, as always. WHPF (Whittlesley House Preservation Foundation) meetings should happen by the end of February. That board is being tasked with seeking grants for major building repairs.

Open Board Position:

Courtney recommends Chris Burnett to fill the vacant board position. He has had a lot of non-profit board experience and has been a podcaster for 11 years.

Motion by Will Fitzpatrick to add Chris to the board, seconded by Auri Vigil.

Courtney believes that Chris can bring us a greater connection to the music community at the club. Maynard thinks that he can be a good asset both at bringing people to events as well as in "New Media". He also has connections to the local art community.

Vote was unanimous in favor of him being accepted. New director Chris Burnett is now part of the board.

Old Business:

Most of the affidavits for the liquor license are in. The few remaining will be in by the next meeting.

Courtney Foster is meeting with local press to organize the 2018 revival of the club's "Ape" Awards. Rhian and Auri will assist with contacting local news outlets.

Specific questions for the forthcoming membership survey are still being looked at.

Rebranding is still being looked at. Maynard has talked to David Daffney, and has told him our expectations, but hasn't heard back until today (Feb 12th, 2018) and is now talking about a "logo" redesign, which is not what our contract stipulates. The club needs to get what it paid for, and Maynard will seek out a copy of the signed contract.

There was discussion on the possibility of merchandising being sold online.

New Business:

Auto-renewal of membership is being added to a forthcoming membership survey.

Much like the mayoral town halls last year, Courtney wants us to host congressional debates this year for the primary season. The board will be contacting both parties to set these up for the last three Thursdays in March.

Motion by Rhian Hibner to adjourn, seconded by Ken Hargis. Motion carries, and the meeting is adjourned.