



**Board of Directors Meeting  
Thursday August 12,2021**

Present: Allison,J., Hust,D., Roth,J., Greene,H., Sable,K.,(on zoom), Janowski,K.(on zoom), Harrington,S.(on zoom), Galligan,M.(on zoom), Dintiman,R.(on zoom)  
Executive Director: Ariel Shanberg

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Dan Hust at 6:39pm.

**1. Board Chair Opening Remarks:**

The Board Chair is finalizing the list of board members and committee members and will distribute shortly.

**2. Review of Minutes:**

Correction to minutes made by Kristin Janowski and Dan Hust. Motion by Jeff Allison and seconded by Meagan Galligan to approve corrected minutes. Motion passed.

**3. Executive Director's Report:** Highlights (complete report distributed)

- **Riverfest** was successful on many fronts. Excellent programming; multiple vendors expressed satisfaction with the day; attendee numbers looked good. Lack of wifi access and ATM raised as a concern; poster auction underperformed financially. Riverfest debrief will be done by programming and fundraising committees.
- **Staffing** shortages continue. More applicants responded to new recruitment efforts but only 2-3 appropriate. Follow up will be done with appropriate applicants.
- **Big Eddy** planning continues. Pre-festival event "Writers on Film changed venues to The Blue Fox
- **Tusten Theater** r/t the Big Eddy and the use of the Tusten Theater in general are the safety concerns secondary to the rise of the Delta variant. There was a robust discussion summarized as follows. Dan Hust will contact the Sullivan County Public Health Director for recommendations; Ariel Shanberg will draft protocols for



admission; the use of portable filter units will be evaluated. The goal is to safely use the Tusten Theater for the Big Eddy and other programming.

#### **4. Financial Report (attached for review):**

- On a very positive note the DVAA has received an unrestricted donation of \$50,000
- Overall the DVAA financial position remains strong
- A need to develop strategies to improve membership retention has been identified; recommendation made by Finance Committee for a fundraising committee member to assist with management of membership renewal

#### **5. Capital Campaign Committee Reports:**

- Request for information is being prepared by Steve Breiman
- The committee team leaders will meet Wednesday August 18 to Discuss organization insuring that teams are working in concert.

#### **6. Committee Reports:**

- A. Advocacy-nothing to report
- B. Board Development-nothing to report
- C. Facilities- In light of broken window on 4th Fl reglazing is a priority.
- D. Fundraising - nothing to report
- E. Programs- will meet at end of August

#### **7. Old/New Business**

**Old Business.** Nothing to report

##### **New Business**

- Please join Plaque and Pillar celebration on Sunday August 21, in Krauss Recital Hall to honor past members and avid Supporters of the DVAA and to acknowledge our history
- An autumn project. Clean out the garage; get rid of old copiers; move 3rd floor boxes furniture etc. to garage

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Jeffrey Allison at 7:55pm. Seconded by Hester Greene. Motion passed