

DVAA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

12/12/2024

Present: Dan, Heinrich, Kim, Ariel, Jane
On Zoom: Rachel, Wendy, Lilly, Rennik, Mary Sue, Leif, Ken

Dan called meeting to order 635pm.

Opening Remarks:

Dan welcomed members to last Board meeting of the year. County legislature passed county budget including a half million in discretionary funds which is the source of some of DVAA funding. We will ask for more than \$40,000 which is what we have gotten in the past. In addition each legislator (Cat Scott represents DVAA's district) get \$20,000 in funding to support organizations and projects in their district. Rachel suggested personal invitations to legislators for DVAA events. Heinrich suggested invitations especially for our fundraising events. Dan as Communications Manager for the County is not involved in asking for funds.

Review of Minutes:

Motion to accept minutes as written made by Rennik, seconded by MarySue, unanimously accepted.

Financial Report:

Heinrich will review financials and send out report to Board members later in the week.

Review of FY25 Budget:

Budget and Budget Summary containing key points, notes on FY25 Budget vs FY24 actuals, FY25 Budget Notes and FY25 Program Notes distributed and reviewed by Ariel and Heinrich.

A few highlights: Proposed Budget represents a 13% increase in operating revenue and a 14% increase in expenses.

Includes a 25% increase in rent for Mildred's Complexity which has not been increased since initiation of rental.

Includes increases in BEFF ticket prices and Riverfest vendor stall prices

Shop DVAA has been included in Budget recognizing estimated revenues and expenses.

Heinrich noted Budget as proposed is critical for the Capital Campaign.

Motion to accept FY25 Budget as presented made by Heinrich, seconded by Kim and unanimously accepted by the Board.

DVAA 2025-2027 Working Strategic Document:

Document distributed and reviewed by Dan.

Board discussed key components including the various focus areas and goals. The Board's support of the Strategic Plan critical to implementation of the Capital Campaign.

Dan and Ariel will meet with consultants to discuss assignment of strategic plan priorities to Board Committees or staff.

Implementation of Working Strategic Document will be the focus of the Board's Annual Retreat in January.

Motion to adopt Strategic Plan made by Rachel seconded by MarySue and unanimously accepted by the Board.

Board Development:

Dan met with Alessandra who is interested in joining Board. Dan awaiting information requested of Alessandra.

Heinrich said Meg Sullivan is interested but wants to delay any further discussion until after the holidays.

Robin Dintiman has expressed interest in rejoining the Board. Robin has been a huge supported of DVAA over the years.

Facilities:

New floor on first floor is coming.

Fundraising:

Board Members have contributed \$2600 for Matching Grant for Year End Appeal.

Capital Plan:

Board should be familiar with capital plan before Feasibility Study is implemented. Meeting with Architects to preview plan will be scheduled later in January after Strategic Retreat.

Heinrich moved to adjourn meeting, seconded by Rachel.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33

Respectfully submitted by
Jane Roth, sec'y