

Board Meeting of June 13, 2024

PRESENT: Ariel, Dan, Heinrich, Wendy, Rennik, Kim (in-person); Mary Sue, Rachel, Lily, Leif (Zoom); Jeff Allison (Capital Projects Manager)

Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Dan.

Opening Remarks

Dan noted with pleasure and appreciation that volunteers have given over 3,200 hours to the DVAA over the past year, which Ariel said translates to more than \$100,000 of effort.

Review of Minutes

Upon a motion by Mary Sue and a second by Rachel, minutes were unanimously approved.

Election of New Board Members

Upon a motion by Ken and a second by Rachel, Kim Martin was unanimously elected to the board, term ending January 2025.

Upon a motion by Leif and a second by Rachel, Rennik Soholt was unanimously elected to the board, term ending January 2025.

Both new members took their seats at the table, where they were warmly welcomed by their fellow board members.

Capital Committee Report

Jeff provided an update on the nascent Arlington Hotel capital project, focusing primarily on the Committee's recommendation to hire Thaler Reilly Wilson of Albany, NY as the architect. A detailed report was provided to the board, and Ariel emailed members the firm's proposal. Grant funding will cover nearly \$71,000 of the \$109,000 cost. Jeff said, however, that it is not yet time to begin fundraising.

The board subsequently voted unanimously, on a motion by Ken and a second by Rachel, to authorize Ariel to execute a contract with Thaler Reilly Wilson.

Executive Director's Report

Report was distributed.

Ariel pointed out the success of May's inaugural ArtFlea fundraiser, which netted approximately \$10,000. He noted that 15-18% of attendees were new to the DVAA. Ariel also discussed ongoing recruitment efforts for vacant staff positions. He has leads for each open position.

Informal approval has been given by District 5 Legislator Cat Scott to provide us \$5,000 of Discretionary Legislature Funding to refloor the first level.

Ariel told the board, who concurred, that DVAA should be a co-host of WJFF's planned giving educational event later this year. Our cost is expected to be around \$1,500, with the anticipation that we will encourage supporters to include us in their wills and trusts.

Treasurer's Report

Report was distributed.

Heinrich said the DVAA continues to be in good financial condition, noting that we are well below the monthly operating cost of \$34,000 (if we were fully staffed).

We will, however, be investigating "confounding" NYSEG electricity bills for the Tusten Theatre.

Committee Reports

There were no committee meetings or reports, except for Fundraising. That report was distributed.

Communications will likely hold a meeting soon to develop materials for the planned giving event.

Old Business

There was no old business presented.

New Business

Dan noted with both appreciation and sadness that longtime supporter and board member Robin Dintiman is stepping down, effective immediately, due to personal concerns. He thanked her for her service and anticipates she will continue to support the DVAA when and where she is able.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Dan Hust, Board Chair