

In attendance were: J. Allison, B. Bidwell, K. Bliss, T. Bystrom, J. Clark, H. Greene, Kubenik, H. Kung, R. McClernon and R. O'Brien. Also present was Executive Director Giguere.

1. The meeting was called to order by President McClernon at 6:30 pm
2. The minutes of the regular meeting on March 10 2011 were unanimously approved by those present with the following corrections:
 - Karen Bliss was present at that meeting.
 - Item 14 (Director's Report) is corrected to "Thank you to Troy", not "Thank you to Tray"
3. A motion to accept Liza Phillips as a member of the Board of Directors was made by T. Bystrom and seconded by B. Bidwell. The motion was unanimously approved by those present.
4. Board Development still needs recommendations for future board members. The annual slate of officers needs to be developed for next year.
5. Finance reviewed the current reports. It should be noted that the expense budget is not correct on the reports that were distributed. The grant expense will be moved to "Other Expense". This means the budgeted expense is approximately \$30,000 greater than the budgeted income. The Journal income is greater than last year's amount. Savor the Arts did not raise as much as last year, but the total increases closer to last year's amount when it is combined with other recent events. .
6. Business Development announced that May 10th is the date for the Business Networking meeting at the Dancing Cat. They are also working on a rack card to attract business members; those present approved the sponsorship levels for Business Partnerships.
7. Facilities - The Wasson engineering proposal for the porch project is \$2,900; this will include the necessary drawings. Elaine submitted a grant application for the 3rd & 4th floors project. Cabinets are being installed in the offices.
8. There was a discussion about revamping the newsletter to become a more interesting piece with a larger readership and paid ads. The Alliance will need volunteers to contribute articles for this to be a success.
9. It was decided to postpone the Gala from August to October. The site and final date are yet to be determined.
10. 5K event is scheduled for June 5th. Sullivan Striders will be involved.
11. Volunteers are needed for Riverfest starting with a Board Member to serve as the chairperson.
12. Board members need to distribute posters for the upcoming Tusten Theater programs. Also new venues for the distribution of the newsletters are needed.
13. Reports from the committees regarding the assigned tasks for **the Strategic Plan** are to be ready for the June Board meeting.
14. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Kubenik