

AURORA FOX ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD

February 14th, 6:30-8:00pm

Aurora Fox Arts Center – Online

9900 E. Colfax Ave., Aurora, CO 80010

I. CALL TO ORDER

a. Introductions and Attendance

Present: Helen Murray, Jessica Johnson, Rob Utesch, Judy Jasso, Hetty Pazos, Matthew McCormick, Lissa Hutchinson, Dawn Garibaldi, Sasha Stevenson

Absent: Evan Brigham, Wendy Bullock

b. Hetty and Evan have been appointed by City Council

II. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Volunteer Hours

- i. Members were instructed to email hours to Beau

b. January Minutes

- i. Motion to approve: Judy Jasso
- ii. Second: Rob Utesch
- iii. Motion passes unanimously

III. ITEMS FROM THE EXECUTIVE PRODUCER

a. One more weekend of performances remaining

b. Sales have been extremely slow

- i. Opened right at the peak of omicron

c. Hurricane Diane begins rehearsals on Monday, Feb. 21st

d. The opening night board sponsored baskets are very appreciated by cast

e. Actors Equity Association has begun to relax some of their safety protocols

f. Reminder that Feb. 26th is our Alice Lee Main event, honoring her legacy

g. The Fox has had an uptick in fires being set around the building overnight

- i. Individuals have been starting small fires for warmth overnight

- ii. We are going to work with facilities to try to enclose the alcove with gates

h. First round of HVAC assessment is still in progress, but moving forward

i. Facilities is upgrading the electrical grid backstage to better handle our lighting sound power needs

j. Annual council meeting report went very well and council members were very complimentary

k. Season selection is halfway finished for the upcoming season

IV. FUNDRAISING

a. Gala committee did a site visit to Heritage Eagle Bend country club for the Sept. 17th gala location

b. We are getting a discount on the venue rental

c. Venue is a great fit for our event and includes a stage, outdoor space access, and ample parking

- d. Venue will allow us to do some advertising inside the venue
- e. Still considering the speakeasy theme for the event
- f. Have some entertainment options we are pursuing
- g. Venue can comfortably seat 120 for dinner, and could be pushed to 140, if we put tables onto the dance floor
- h. The Fox will once again be using OneCause for the virtual gala/silent auction payments
- i. Board members agreed to pursue this venue for 2022, and agreed to do a full evaluation after to see if off-site was a better option for the event, or does it do better at or near the Fox

V. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Meeting reminder- taking December off this year, possibly November, having meetings in June, July, and August to prepare for Gala.
- b. The board would like to host a Fox open house on June 11th or June 25th
 - i. Board will decide on a date at the March meeting

VI. ITEMS FROM THE MEMBERS

- a. 501(c)3 Update
 - i. Taxes are done for 2021
 - ii. Helen has joined the board
 - iii. Policies are written and some donations are already pledged
 - iv. Seeking grant writers
- b. Cultural Affairs
 - i. On January 12th, Phil Nachbar joined the CAC meeting to discuss the northwest Aurora arts grant opportunities and guidelines
 - ii. January 22nd the commission scored grant applications that had been received
 - iii. All 12 organizations that applied did receive some level of funding
- c. Other business


VII. NEXT MEETING – March 14th, Aurora Fox Arts Center, 9900 E Colfax Ave.

- a. Spring break is happening on March 14th. The board discussed switching the meeting date to Monday, March 21st
- b. Board approved the move to March 21st, and having a board sponsored potluck, as part of the meeting
- c. Sasha and Jessica will be the party planners for the meeting

VIII. ADJOURNMENT



Jessica Johnson, Chair



Beau Bisson, Staff Liaison