

AURORA FOX ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD
Monday February 13th, 6:30-8:00pm
Aurora Fox Arts Center
9900 E. Colfax Ave., Aurora, CO 80010

I. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Introductions and Attendance – Jessica Johnson- Chairwoman
Present: Jessica Johnson, Dawn Garibaldi, Henrietta Pazos, Judy Jasso, Wendy Bullock
Absent: Sasha Stevenson, Patricia Connor, Lissa Hutchinson
Guest: Ingrid Lindemann

II. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Volunteer Hours
 - i. Members were instructed to email volunteer hours to Beau Bisson
- b. January Minutes
 - i. Motion to approve was made by Matthew McCormick, seconded by Judy Jasso. Motion passed unanimously.

III. ITEMS FROM THE EXECUTIVE PRODUCER

- a. Beau Bisson (acting executive producer) introduced Ingrid Lindemann, former Aurora city council member to lead a discussion on best practices for board members to engage council members.
- b. Beau mentioned some concerns about the Fox and SCFD recently raised by some council members and urged Fox board to continue engagement at ward and council meetings
- c. Beau presented the proposed line-up for the fall of 2023, and season 39, which will run January-December 2024.
 - i. Also presented were confirmed ancillary programs throughout that time period, as well as some changes to the performance schedule.
- d. Beau mentioned he is attending as many city/business meetings as possible, to continue advocacy for the Fox.

IV. FUNDRAISING

- a. Board discussed a tentative Gala date of Saturday, September 9th
 - i. Beau would reach out to last year's venue for availability, but the discussion on exactly where the event should be held will be tabled for the March board meeting.
 - ii. There was discussion and points made about inclusivity for the Gala that members would like to see addressed.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Executive Producer Hiring
 - i. Search, interview and hiring process updates were discussed

VI. ITEMS FROM THE MEMBERS

- a. 501(c)3 Update

- i. No Friends of the Fox donations were accrued in January
 - ii. Jessica mentioned hosting a small gathering at her home for a mini-fundraising opportunity
- b. Cultural Affairs
 - i. Matt mentioned that all 18 organization that applied for a grant were funded
 - ii. Funding amounts ranged from \$6,000-\$10,000
- c. EDI committee
 - i. Looking for a partnership with DEI office
 - ii. Beau was going to reach out to former DEI employee for the city
- d. Other business
 - i. None

VII. NEXT MEETING – March 13th, 6:30pm

VIII. ADJOURNMENT



Jessica Johnson, Chair



Beau Bisson, Staff Liasion