

NIETF Board of Directors Meeting
June 20, 2021
6:30 pm via Zoom

Attendance: M. Byerly, B. Leonard-White, A. Heid, M. Reister, K. Rasala, J. Jascoviak, L. Bouman

Approval of May 2021 Minutes **Motion** J. Jascovial, 2nd K. Rasala. Approved.

Treasurer's Report tabled until next month with quick update on current status from President

- \$15,267 in bank, though still need to return COVID loan; true balance is \$10k lower
 - There may be dispensation not requiring the return of the funds for the loan, so we are holding in trust at this time until we know if it requires full payback
- Paid out advertising and rights for Third Coast Theatre Festival
- Took in ticketing funds to pay to Beatniks for their recent show
- Storage cost (at new rate)

New Business

NIETF Storage Unit

- Received notice from storage that unit is doubling in cost at current storage unit starting next month. B. Jascoviak is going to solicit other storage prospects

Old Business

Park Plays

- Munster Centennial Park
 - July 15 - Gary Shakespeare
 - July 22 - Seedlings Theatre Company
- Bulldog Park in Crown Point
 - July 24 - Seedlings Theatre Company
- Indiana Dunes State Park
 - July 29 - Seedlings Theatre Company
- Additional dates for IDSP and CP being discussed by Improductions
- Invite others?

Theatre Festival

- June 11-20, 2021 - virtual at www.thirdcoasttheatrefest.org
- **Motion** to make payment to each participating festival of \$100, regardless of resulting ticket sales, to ensure completion of grant disbursement requirements. Motion L. Bouman, 2nd K. Rasala. Approved.
- 2022 Festival

- grant written for multiple agencies to allow for in-person production of festival next year. Local foundations have declined; awaiting feedback from Indiana Arts Commission, should know within the next month
- Concern in making decision without participation from theatres in the decision making process
- Look at festival as an incentive program for a reward rather than discount ticket or group ticketing sale?
- Call theatres and ask them their preference in time window as to April or June time slot -- coordinate slot of target month
- **Motion** to have a time window of April & May 2022 presented to theatres for participation in a live structured festival, pending participation within the two month window by at least a third of our member theatres, with official framework for the festival to be assembled by committee. Motion M. Byerly, 2nd J. Jascoviak. Approved

“All Together Now”

- MTI show of revues royalty-free one weekend in November; details available for review at <https://www.mtishows.com/mtis-all-together-now>
- Have NIETF do it as a regional fundraiser for all of our theatres
- Favoring a hybrid model (in-person and streaming), but would need a location
- L. Bouman has offered to co-direct the show
- Art Theatre is available on Sunday of the run as a potential venue (\$500 rental fee)

Viewing

- **Motion** that NIETF suspend the competitive awards process *and viewing process* for the 2021-22 season, allowing for the continuation of viewing in order to provide recognition and affirmation for all area theatrical productions. Motion M. Reister, 2nd J. Jaskoviak. Vote 5-2; motion passes.
 - **Amended motion:** Suspend viewing for the '21-22 season. Motion J. Jascoviak, 2nd B. Leonard-White. Vote 4-2 w/ 1 abstention; motion passes.

Open Floor

- None at this time

Next board meeting Sunday, July 11 via Zoom