

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Northwest Indiana Excellence in Theatre Foundation

January 17, 2021

6:30 PM CST

Meeting held via Zoom Teleconferencing

Attendance: B. Jascoviak, A. Heid, T. Slatton, L. Bouman, A. Gomez, J. Jascoviak, B. Leonard-White, A. Lowe, K. Rasala, M. Reister

Excused Absence: M. Byerly

Becky called the meeting to order: 6:31

Minutes from November were read. A. Heid motioned to accept . K. Rasala 2nd. Motion passed

Minutes from December were read. M Reister motioned to accept A. Heid 2nd. Motion passed

Treasurer report – M Reister. reported she sent out the reports for the fiscal year to date. Ticket money taken for Genesis thru Arts People needs to be sent to them.

Motion passed to accept treasurer's report.

SBA EIDL Loan/COVID Relief loan from the SBA – B Jascoviak reported that need to send in document from the board to accept the loan. We were awarded \$11,000, we would need to pay back \$10,000, the \$1000 is a grant we don't have to pay back. If we accept the loan, we would pay \$47 a month for 30 years. Discussion to keep the money and loan it to NIETF member theatres. Consensus was theatres should deal directly with the SBA. M. Reister moved that we do not keep the SBA loan and return the 10,000. L. Bowman 2nd. Motion passed.

Scholarship – B. Leonard-White presented a letter he prepared to encourage schools to sign up as members. The packet will also include details on scholarship, membership form, and the ticket exchange program. Becky reminded us that current school members are valid thru Sept 2021. He will prepare a separate cover letter for current school members. T. Slatton moved to accept. K. Rasala seconded. Motion passed.

Park Plays – B. Jascoviak reported that due to COVID the grant that funded park plays is no longer available. The park has extended an invitation to us to perform, but it would be in partnership with the Friends of the Dunes. They would also help promote the event. They would also provide park passes & we wouldn't need to cover the event on our insurance. We would determine how many shows & format. We could be at either the state or national park. We do have some other options for where to perform that are not by the showers. NIETF would either need to pay the artists or find a sponsor.

Discussion on alternate venues to perform at as well as possible ways to raise money to pay the theatres that performed. A Heid suggested to have B. Jascoviak ask if we can either fundraiser at the performances for the theatres or charge a ticket that could go to the performing group. Further discussion tabled. B. Jascoviak will reach out to them.

L. Bowman suggested we approach theatres to see if they would be interested in performing.

B. Jascoviak will reach out to other parks NIETF has performed out to get details on performing there.

Theatre festival – B. Jascoviak reported we received a grant to run a theatre festival. The funds expire in June. B. Jascoviak has checked in with grant organization and they said we can extend our timeline but would need a final report in by November 30th. Extending the grant money would cause some problems with a grant for the next fiscal year. Discussion on having a virtual festival & covering any re-streaming rights/royalties for the theatres. Approved by consensus. B. Jascoviak will make a request to the theatres to see what the options are for a virtual festival.

A. Lowe reported that LCTG successfully had an in person show.

Next meeting will be Sunday February 14, 2021 at 6:30pm on zoom.

L Bowman move to adjourn.

Meeting ended 8:10pm