

**Horizon Stage
Theatre Advisory Board
Thurs., October 17, 2018
MINUTES**

Present: Yvonne Kuchta, Chairperson
Arlaine Monaghan, Vice-Chairperson
Donna Bradley-Bobey
Jan Gillett
Councillor Erin Stevenson
Councillor Jackie McCuaig
Brandi Wurtz, Theatre Manager
Karen Smutt, Recording Secretary

Guests: Brent Oliver, Director of Cultural Services
Elise Olson, Artstrek Scholarship 2018

Regrets: Jeff Nixon

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Yvonne Kuchta called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2.0 ADDITIONS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Jan Gillett moved to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

3.0 ARTSTREK STUDENT PRESENTATION

Elise provided a brief review of her experience at Artstrek and how it has impacted her life moving forward.

4.0 REVIEW/ADOPTION OF MINUTES – April 19, 2018

Arlaine Monaghan moved to adopt the minutes.

CARRIED

5.0 OLD BUSINESS/BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 Future of the Board

- Brent provided a brief background of the board to Jan and Councillor Stevenson.
- Although PSD70 is a co-owner of the theatre they are not interested in being part of the Theatre Advisory Board and they are not able to contribute financially to the Theatre at this time.
- The process to dismantle the board would be to inform both Councils and then inform the members of the Theatre Advisory Board.
- There is the potential for a bigger and better committee based on the Cultural Tri-Regional Summit taking place in 2019.

- Councillor McCuaig is attending a Tri-Regional meeting where the Summit will probably be discussed.
- Comment – it is rare to find a group of culturally cohesive and passionate people and we don't want to see that passion disappear. There will be an opportunity in the future for members of this group to participate in something new.
- Arlaine asked if there would be some sort of recognition/acknowledgement of the contributions of the board which, since its inception, has supported Horizon Stage and advocated on its behalf. Reply: It would be up to each Council to recognize the contributions of their past and present community members.
- Brent will provide a summary or bullet points of what the summit might look like and send that to Jackie and Erin before they meet.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Theatre Manager Report

- Presented ticket sale stats from the last five years.
- 4 sold out shows so far
- New North Collective was well attended and was an awesome show.
- Added 2nd performances of Lisa Brokop and ABRA Cadabra
- 7 more shows are nearly sold out
- Emerging Artists show in April will potentially have 3 – 4 acts in the first half with Nuela Charles performing in the second half.
- The Horizon Players One Acts have been cancelled.
- Alberta Showcase is October 19 – 21 in Fort Saskatchewan
- Will be attending a Regional Manager meeting tomorrow with breakout groups in the afternoon.
- Rental presentations vs season presentations – How do we educate and differentiate between the two?
- Ideally we would like all events – season and rentals – to be treated the same and staffed the same with volunteers. We are taking steps towards this goal but we don't have enough volunteers at the moment.

6.1.1 Discussion

Jackie suggested that we highlight in our newsletter, etc. that we are always recruiting for volunteers.

7.0 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

Arlaine Monaghan moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm.

CARRIED