

OREGON COUNTRY FAIR
MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING

November 9, 1986

Present: Robert Aurnague-DeSpain, Frank Sharpy, Marshall Landman, Wally Slocum, Lucy Lynch, Zachariah Schwartz, Don Hathaway, Anne Henry, John Winslow, and Tom Wenk.

Agenda:

WOW Hall

Poster Committee Clarifications

Robert Aurnague-DeSpain indicated that the poster committee suggested that there be a maximum of two (2) designs per entrant in the poster contest.

The timeline would be changed in 1988 to be the one discussed earlier that allowed much more time for decisions to be made. Right now though, it appears that the timeline would be a deadline of February 14, 1987 for submissions of entries, Printing deadline of April 1, 1987 and out of the printer's by May 15, 1987.

Robert also wanted to be certain that it is clear that the artist will be paid according to the amount of work she/he puts into the project, in so far as added work for the printer for overlays. Robert suggested that we offer \$150 for the design and if overlays are done by the artist, \$300.00.

Robert suggested that the committee be small. Bedo has resigned and has suggested that Patti Lomont be appointed in her place on the committee.

Zachariah Schwartz indicated that he/^{is}opposed to closed committees and suggested that we not have a closed committee.

Robert said that he understood and indicated that we are always open for input, but often having such a huge committee to decide something like that may not be best.

+++ Robert moved that a three person committee be named to judge the poster contest. Anne Henry Seconded. The vote was 8 in favor; 1 against; 1 abstention. Motion carried.

WOW Hall

Gil Harrison, an interested person, was present for the discussion of the topic. He felt he could offer information concerning the WOW Hall, that might serve useful.

Please see attached copies of the memorandum that clarifies the motions that will follow.

Lucy Lynch indicated that Jill Heiman was consulted and wanted to make sure that certain questions are answered before any agreement can be gone into.

Tom Wenk said that he felt that we could work with the management of the WOW Hall and help in many ways. The proposal as written will be difficult, but we do need to address all of the issues. It seems if we don't offer to help, these problems will crop up in the future. We should deal with this Board to Board.

Anne Henry said that sometimes it feels as if Jon Pincus dominates the conversations and that makes it difficult to really figure out how to work best with the WOW Hall BOD. We should be very clear on what we want.

Frank Sharpy said that all this was nice, but chances are, the way things have gone in the past, we will not be getting our money back. Looking at the aspect of publicity, community support, etc, we have to make an effort to help them, because we really do care about the WOW Hall being in the community. However, we should make sure we don't throw good money after bad.

+++ Frank Sharpy moved that we give \$15,000 to the WOW Hall under the terms mentioned. Tom Wenk seconded.

Marshall Landman thanked Anne and others for their research. He pointed out that this money could serve as a catalyst for the community to add money to the fund.

Zachariah Schwartz said that he agrees with Frank , but he would like to have more work done on the strategy for the contract.

Anne Henry said that she felt uncomfortable about having this meeting closed, but it was hard to have the room to be clear and concise with too many people involved. I feel the problem has got to do with management of the Hall.

Tom Wenk said that he had heard Jon Pincus' views and now felt it was time to sit and get a good look at everyone on the OCF Board for thoughts and ideas.

Lucy Lynch wanted to point out that the OCF loan was second only to a loan with the City of Eugene, which would come due only if the place was sold.

Questions arose concerning the size of the WOW Hall BOD. It was indicated to be twelve (12).

Marshall pointed out that the \$15,000 for the loan is only part of the problem. There is much more indebtedness involved here.

Lucy Lynch said that there were \$16,212.50 in debts beside ones that are being dealt with in some kind of basis with payments. (Those debts do include the \$15,000.00 and total \$22,542.00.)

+++ Frank Sharpy wanted to ammend his earlier motion to read, "I move to have the OCF loan \$15,000.00 to the WOW Hall with the stipulation that the OCF be provided with the proposed operating budget, and review the quarterly operating reports." Tom Wenk seconded.

People questioned item #2 on the CCPA Loan Proposal. It was pointed out that this would only be in force if they paid back the loan and were having trouble with meeting the obligation with the bank or what ever organization is holding the loan.

Marshall asked what would happen if when the WOW Hall has a time of need on

the loan repayment, and we are not in the position to help out????

Zachariah said that he feels if we can't, then we don't. That should be understood in the tendering of that offer.

Many people expressed their concern and willingness to help out if the WOW Hall made an effort to work on fund raising, as well as other activities to raise funds to show that they were willing to work on making the whole thing a viable operation.

Gil Harrison said that he was really glad to hear everyone being so supportive.

The WOW Hall is a community place and it will really be a boost to have so much community support. The WOW Hall, like most other similar operation cannot depend on its operating budget from admissions, rentals, etc., but must make constant efforts at fund raising all year around to keep afloat.

Gil Harrison felt that the OCF could really help the WOW Hall now, because it can help give it some breathing space and time to come up with ideas to keep the operation moving.

Anne Henry said that the long range planning should be up to the WOW Hall and we should not be involved in that, period.

Folks present had questions about advertising, etc., and were told by knowledgeable people in the group that the WOW Hall has an excellent reputations among performers.

The question was called.

+++ The motion was approved by acclamation, unanimously.

Lucy Lynch will make certain that everything is in order by asking Jill Heiman to check over the offers. The WOW Hall Board of Directors will be contacted with the offer as soon as is possible.

Next Board of Directors Meeting is to be held at the WOW Hall on December 3, 1986 at 7:00 P.M.

Minutes by
Cheryl Jones