

From the Ashes – Board Meeting
Sunday, May 25, 2025

In attendance: Stephanie Burke, Jaime Questell, Wayne Krennerich, Brian Tighe, Kahra Barkley, Bryce Barkley, Beverly Watkins, Dixie Cooper, Kirstine Benoit

Board members missing: Megan Poffenbarger

Called to order: 3:22 PM

AGENDA:

- Approved minutes from April 2025 meeting
- Grant update
 - Multimedia updates
- TEDC Update
 - Additional space opportunities?
- Update regarding Sammy's & Bonnie's shows
- Bylaws review

3:22:

- Brian makes motion to approve April 2025 minutes; second by Kahra. All approved.

3:26:

- Grant Updates
 - Brian & Kahra worked through foundations listed on Hobby Center & Alley Theatre. A lot of them are dead or have no access to reach out to the foundations. For those we could find contacts, we have sent applications/requests. Waiting to hear back.
 - Got a response from one large foundation. They said no to fund us because we aren't big enough. She did research us and recommended that our Social Media match, and that we need to have a better Instagram presence.
 - Jaime discussed the process they use at work that is a document that goes through all media posts & documents what/when they are done.
 - Stephanie got us an account with Texas Commission of the Arts; need to start working through to find potential grants. Website & login information has been added to the file on the Google drive.

3:43:

- TEDC Update
 - Stephanie & Wayne met with TEDC/Kelly and Studio Red reps. Studio Red has been officially approved by TEDC for design/architecture.
 - They wanted to meet with us to see about our experience & walk through what we would like to have in our dream theater.
 - Meeting overall was very positive. We have sent an email to follow up on availability of the space pre-renovation.
 - Talked about potentially being able to do a single youth summer camp, or maybe even do an MTI Senior production for the summer!

4:30:

- Next Shows Update
 - Sammy is unable to direct a show at this time [REDACTED], so we are going to postpone her production. This works well for us, as we don't yet have a facility.
 - Bonnie is still super excited to start on her production. She is going to speak with Ken & let him know that we are still moving forward.
 - Stephanie will email Kelly/TEDC this week with our hope for the production and tentative dates & that we'd like to move forward securing the rights.

4:40:

- Bylaws
 - We have reviewed together & it is saved on the Google drive. Please go through & review again to make any additional changes so we can ratify/execute at next board meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Sunday, June 22, 2025 @ 3PM

Meeting Adjourning: 5:09 PM