

From the Ashes - Board Meeting
Sunday, July 20, 2025

Board Members in Attendance: Stephanie Burke, Kahra Barkley, Brian Tighe, Kirstine Benoit, Bryce Barkley, Jaime Questell, Beverly Watkins, Wayne Krennerich

Board Members Missing: None

Community Members/Guests Present: Bonnie Hewett

Call to order: 3:20

AGENDA:

- Approve minutes from June 2025 meeting
- Formal Induction of Board Secretary, M. Kirstine Benoit
- Task updates
- TEDC updates
- Tomball Nights - potential sponsorship
- Social Media, photo release & hold harmless updates
- StageWorks Rental
- Finalize Director's Agreement
- Anniversary Spirit Night @ Main Event

3:20 - Approve June minutes

- Unanimously approved

3:23 - Formally induct new board member

- 7/8/25 - Resignation email received from board member Megan Poffenbarger
- 7/8/25 - Board Members unanimously agreed to offer the position to M. Kirstine Benoit via Messenger and reached out to her
- 7/20/25 - board unanimously voted to induct M. Kirstine Benoit as Board Secretary

3:24 - Task Updates

- Gallery has not yet been created/updated on the update as per discussed in June Meeting
- Idea to organize via season
 - Plan a special meeting to work on this together

3:30 - TEDC Updates

- Observed that the majority of community member responses were geared towards this becoming a performance location for the fine arts.
- Potentially 12-18 months to wait on construction once design has been finalized
- Reach out this week to TEDC: let them know we are moving our late-summer show to another location, but want to still commit to them

3:46 - Stageworks Rental

- Waiting on their board meeting to finalize agreement
 - If we need music, lighting, props etc. there will be an additional charge to use their technicians
 - Box office would be on our own
 - Concessions are only on donations at Stage Works - we need to discuss who would get those proceeds

3:51 - Late Summer Show

- Potential show dates: September 4,5,6,7 : Thursday, Friday, 2 shows Saturday, 2 shows Sunday
 - Plan to move into the theatre on Sunday, August 31.
 - Rehearsal space
- Director's agreement - Approved
 - Will be sent to director once Stage Works finalizes our rental agreement
- Director's vision
 - Would like projections - potentially have Jaime and Bev create these
 - 6-8 people of various ages minimum for the show
 - A true ensemble/company production in that each actor has the option to direct as a 'collaborating director' for each segment
 - Show to be billed as "Artistic Director – Director's name. ~ Collaboratively Directed by (list)"

4:25 - Tomball Night - potential sponsorship

- August 1st, 5-10 pm. Booths, Parade and Fireworks
 - "White" sponsorship which will include parade - Unanimously approved
 - Special meeting to plan this event and decorations
 - Friday July 25th 7pm for 'Float Talk' meeting
 - For Parade

- Submitted that we will have 10 adults & 2 children, a truck and an adult tricycle
- Member/Supporters to walk around prior to parade
 - Hand out Golden Eggs with coupons or info inside - Jaime to get stickers of our Logo to place on eggs

5:17 - Bonnie left the meeting

5:20 - Financial Update

- Received a check from Stages of Hope from their fundraising efforts on our behalf
- Received an anonymous donation
- Current Available balance was discussed

5:27 - Tabled topics for the next meeting

- Future Tomball events we may participate in
- Anniversary Spirit Night @ Main Event July 31st – planned a special meeting to discuss and finalize
- Social Media, photo release & hold harmless updates and finalizations

NEXT MEETING: August 10th, 3pm

Meeting adjourning: 5:30