

GRAND HAVEN COMMUNITY CENTER

BOARD MINUTES

May 23, 2022

Attendance: R. Douglas VanOss, Maggie Bandstra, James Porenta, Angela Sorenson, and Char Seise

Absent: Sandy Katt

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by Porenta

Sorenson motioned to approve April minutes, Bandstra 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all in favor.

General Call to the Audience: n/a

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**FINANCE:** Discussion was had again about asking City Council for direction from a financial perspective of the center. Board members agree that some direction will give them clarity and a goal to achieve. Doug provided some data sheets for analysis of the rental potential to meet the budget deficit.

**MARKETING:** Insight Collaborative presented their findings from the key stakeholder surveys. Staff was sent a copy of the report and conversations ensued about the participation pool not incorporating a broad enough spectrum of the community. The board and staff were looking for more participation from the community at large. Seise did report that she provided names to add to the list, but it was the consultants that ultimately selected the 20 participants for the Zoom meetings. Staff shared with board members the concerns of 4 individuals that participated in the Zoom stakeholder's meetings being primarily arts focus, with little to no conversations about other facility uses. This is a concern as we have stated from the beginning that this project is intended to bring the arts home to the center, but that the intent was not to utilize this space only for the arts.

**ARTS:** Arts conversations continue with other organizations with a lot of positive response and willingness to engage. We will continue to work on this and expand as time allows. Scheduled events include Jazz nights, Acoustic Unplugged Events, Art Shows, and Theatre Performances.

**ORGANIZATIONS:** Still building organizational connections. A grant application to the Loutit Foundation will be submitted prior to May 5. We were awarded \$15,000 for signage from the Loutit Foundation

**COMMUNITY:** Many and varied meetings are taking place with potential community partners. We are diligently working to have a fully programmed building for 2023. A group of dedicated volunteers has been working on an Introduction to the Performing Arts in hopes of having a summer camp. More information to follow.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sandy Katt is still unable to serve, anticipates being back in town by June. Her term expires 6/30/2022

**NEW BUSINESS**

n/a

The next scheduled board meeting is set for June 25, 2022 at 5:00 pm.