

AURORA FOX ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD

September 14, 2020 – 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Aurora Fox Arts Center - **Virtual Meeting**

9900 E. Colfax Ave., Aurora, CO 80010

Present: Eric Fitzgerald, Wendy Bullock, Douglas Meares, Dawn Garibaldi, Kelly Morgan, Leon Duran, Sasha Stevenson, Helen Murray, Beau Bisson

Absent: Jeffrey Johnson (excused)

Guests: Thomas Terpening

I. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Introductions and Attendance – Eric Fitzgerald, Chair
- b. *Tomfoolery* – Opening September 18, 2020
 - i. Helen gave some background on Tom Lehrer, the composer of the Fox opening show, *Tomfoolery*

II. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (0:05)

- a. Volunteer Hours
 - i. Members were instructed to email their hours to Beau Bisson
- b. August Minutes
 - i. Motion to approve: Douglas Meares
 - ii. Seconded by: Wendy Bullock Unanimous
- c. Adopt a Show: *Queens Girl in the World*, opening March 12, 2021
 - i. Dawn volunteered to provide the opening night gift basket for “Queens Girl”. All shows are now covered for the season.

III. NEW BUSINESS (0:20)

- a. Introduce Board Applicant: Thomas Terpening III
 - i. Thomas introduced himself to the board
- b. Q & A with Board and Staff
 - i. Board members had a chance to ask questions and introduce themselves
- c. Contact Council Members
 - i. Wendy discussed the need and importance of staying in contact with their council members that represent their Ward
 - ii. Suggestion to reach out to council person in advance and ask for a few minutes on the agenda to make a presentation
- d. Board Recruitment
 - i. Discussed need for recruitment to fill out board
 - ii. We currently have 8 confirmed board members, 1 current applicant
 - iii. Board can have a total of 15 members
- e. Mission Statement
 - i. Eric suggested that the Board should have their own specific mission statement to help give a general sense of direction for Board

IV. ITEMS FROM THE EXECUTIVE PRODUCER (0:15)

- a. *Tomfoolery* just finished tech weekend
- b. Still trying to work out an agreement with Actors’ Equity
 - i. Working non-union for current production and operating on a show-by-show basis
- c. Beginning casting for *Black Nativity* currently

- d. Tomfoolery opens Friday, Sept. 18th
- e. Helen is cautiously optimistic on the budget forecast for 2021 portion of season
- f. Cultural Services has a new budget coordinator
- g. Discussed ticket sales for show – and we are optimistic, all things considered

V. FUNDRAISING (0:20)

- a. Seat Sponsorship Campaign Discussion
 - i. Eric is looking for volunteers to begin some research with other theatres that may have recently done a similar campaign
- b. Year-End Campaign
 - i. Helen discussed a year end appeal or letter writing campaign from Board
- c. Other Ideas
 - i. Eric asked for Board members to share social media posts
 - ii. Sasha proposed

VI. ITEMS FROM THE MEMBERS (0:15)

- a. 501(c)3 Update (Dawn)
 - i. Dawn and Helen gave some background info on the non-profit
 - ii. Bridget King (former Board member) and Dawn will be the two registered agents for the Corp.
 - iii. All paperwork is filled out and just about ready to be filed
- b. Cultural Affairs Commission (Douglas)
 - i. Douglas gave overview of operational and project grants offered via CAC
 - ii. Given COVID, they've added some leniency to grant project completion deadlines

VII. BOARD DISCUSSION OF NEW APPLICANT (0:15)

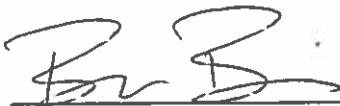
- a. Motion to approve Thomas Terpening: Dawn Garibaldi
- b. Second: Douglas Meares Unanimous

VIII. NEXT MEETING – October 12, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – 8:03pm



Eric Fitzgerald, Board Chair



Beau Bisson, Staff Liaison