

# Cheyenne Theater Meeting Minutes



**February 7, 2022**

**Attending:** Board Members Larry Barnes, Pat Cress, Margyre Antholz, and Robert Grace; Manager Jessica Lee; Assistant Manager Emily Mullins.

Lila left us a financial report.

Meeting is held at 6:00 PM, in the *Cheyenne Theater* lobby.

**We do have a quorum attending.**

Robert hands out the last meeting minutes, and they are **approved unanimously after a motion by Pat and a second by Margyree.**

The treasurer's report shows that we were "in the black" for January, for the first time in a long time. We think that movies are starting to become popular again, partially because the movies that we are getting are better, and because covid fears are abating.

The treasurer's report is **approved after motion by Margyree and second by Larry.**

Jessica reports that large popcorn boxes are still unavailable, but we are using some other bags and conserving them as much as possible. There is **no new supply yet.**

We have an **applicant for the concessions job.** Jessica will interview him.

The staff worked the **thrift store again, and made another \$340 for the Theater.** They have two weekends scheduled in the future. The Board again thanks them for this excellent effort which helps the community and the theater.

We discuss the **new versus renovate issue.** There are strong arguments on both sides. Betty Johnson said that DHF is okay with either, and that while 50% matching is the norm, it isn't a strict requirement. So we might get more than 50%, but not guaranteed.

Larry thinks that before we talk to the City Council, **we should have some sort of accurate cost estimates.** There is agreement with that, and Robert says that JR has been working on the plans, and he mentioned items not in the current proposal. These include replacing/upgrading the auditorium floor, possibly replacing the auditorium ceiling fans with new ones instead of merely replacing the single failed one, improving the emergency exit steps in the alley, and repairing the roof so that the current drain water doesn't continue to degrade the north wall.

Robert says that he **agrees with JR on all of these points,** and some of them had been mentioned by the Board in the past, but somehow didn't get into the current proposal. JR agrees that we also need switch boxes instead of popping breakers, and a 3-sink facility in the concessions area.

We want to **remove the freezer from the concession area** and instead get a pop machine which makes ice, as the freezer now only stores ice, and it takes up a lot of room.

We also would like a **rough estimate from Hathaway as to the cost of a new building, as well as updated estimates if we add in the items listed above.**

We agree that when we get these numbers, the **Theater Board will visit with the City Council** to get their input, as we are appointed and they are elected, so they have the final say on larger expenditures.

Robert will report to JR and **JR will contact Hathaway** to get all of this done so that we can have that meeting.

The meeting adjourns at 7:02 PM.