

GATe Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2020

Proposed by Konrad Herling, Secretary

1. Call to order by President Frank Gervasi at 7:03pm
2. Minutes of the February 10, 2020 Board meeting were edited to reflect the correct price of the adobe contract to \$3,300 and to reflect that Ric Gordon was not at the February 10, 2020 meeting, and Maria Silvia Miller was by phone. With those edits, the minutes were approved by the Board.
3. Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Rene Sewell-Raysor reported that the organization's ending balance is \$74,663 with \$43,544.89 coming from the City. Rene also reported that membership checks would have to be deposited seven days prior to the annual membership meeting for those members to be eligible to vote at the annual meeting of March 15, 2020.
4. President's Report. Frank offered an idea for the Board to consider – that classes offered by George Kochell could be offered by the City's Recreation Department, that is they would pay for the classes. While there was some discussion to gather greater clarity by Board members, there was no decision to move ahead with the idea nor to not consider it in the future. However, there was a time element – that a decision on the class, if it were to be a class paid for by the Recreation Department. Still, no decision was made by the Board.
Frank also reported that the Greenbelt Community Foundation organization was holding a seminar about applying for a grant. Konrad offered to take the class but asked for help from the Board and staff for ideas.
5. Executive Director's Report. Regarding some of the future needs which would translate to future expenses Andy Zmidzinski reported among other projected costs would include cameras be replaced every five years, although at Channel 7, where Andy was previously employed in they did not replace their cameras for nine years. Televue, coming up in April '20 would cost \$8400.

Program Manager Phoebe Mcfarb reported several prospective productions were to be aired soon: coverage of the HUG Walk, Little Dan's Fitness Show, Bob Zugby's program of life experiences, a program produced by John Campanile, as well as a program about Berwyn Height's history.

6. Animation Report – George Kochell. Geo reported that the festival in San Diego was cancelled. Geo, responding to a question regarding the costs of his animation class, indicated that the cost was \$39,000.
7. Alan reviewed his numbers of productions, camera uses, etc.
8. Utopia Film Festival – Debbie Hartwick reported that the Committee needed to secure an alternative site to the Greenbelt Arts Center which had booked the time requested by the Film Committee.
9. The Membership Meeting: Bob Zugby will be honored for his 33.5 years of service to GATe. Some of Bob's highlights will be featured in a short film.
 - a. Regarding the vote for the three positions up for election, that segment of the meeting will be called on by Frank to run the meeting. Maria, who will be in Honduras, will have the right (after a vote by the Board approving this aspect) by phone. If the phone call does not go through or is cut off, the Board voted to approve Maria's motion to transfer her vote to Frank.
 - b. The meeting itself, which will take place at City Hall where public council meetings. Cost for food and other items for the meeting was projected \$250-\$300. Three tables would be needed for food and drink. Konrad arranged to reserve the room from the City at no cost.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 9:17pm

Minutes offered by Konrad Herling, Secretary