

**Brownville Cultural Center
Board of Directors Meeting
January 14, 2018**

The Brownville Cultural Center Board of Directors met for a meeting on January 14, 2018 at 11:45AM at Jim Aden's Residence.

Present: Kathy McKillip, Jim Aden, Mitch Bean

Kathy McKillip began the meeting by presenting the agenda to the board. Discussion on the importance of community update in agenda so that we can keep up with what organizations are doing and what their needs might be. Jim Aden motioned to accept the agenda with a second from Mitch Bean. Motion approved.

Last meetings minutes were presented to the board for approval by secretary Mitch Bean. Kathy motioned to approve last meetings minutes. Jim Aden moved to second the motion. Motion carried through.

Treasurer Jim Aden presented to the board his report on funds. \$20 was spent on our domain name. We can keep our website with email for \$9/month. Motion from Kathy McKillip to move forward with GoDaddy with our email for \$9/ month. Mitch Bean moved to second the motion. Motion was approved.

President Kathy McKillip provided an update on grants the Brownville Cultural Center has applied. The Nemaha County Tourism Grant was declined. The Nebraska Tourism Grant which will provide funds for our "Disconnect to Reconnect" marketing approach for Brownville has been submitted. The grant will fund NET exposure through television and radio, print ads and a social media blitz. Nebraska Tourism will decide if the grant is approved by the end of January. The third grant we have applied is Watchable Wildlife for \$3,000 which will provide us funds for signage along the Steamboat Trail. Even though no cash match is required we will provide a \$100 cash match.

There was a discussion on a Humanities Nebraska grant, which is due in March, to provide funds to partner with the Brownville Village Theatre in producing Resurrection in the fall. Jim motioned to proceed with Humanities Nebraska application grant in March per recommendation for project of program structure from Mitch Bean after discussion with BVT Board of Directors. Mitch followed with a second for the motion. Motion was approved.

An update on the website was provided by Jim Aden. Everyone was assigned the task of reviewing the website pages for corrections or potential changes prior to going live - with the goal of going live by the end of January, 2018 - all feedback should be sent to Jim. Our website domain name is brownvilleculturalcenter.com

A community updated was provided from each member. The Village Theatre will be hosting a small kids camp March 8-10. The River-Inn with collaboration from BVT will be putting on a murder mystery dinner February 3.

Several potential ideas were discussed for fundraising activities in addition to the Markets and sponsorships:

Fall Historic Ghost Tours, Yoga and Cocktails, Improve troupes during the July 4th celebration, Art Crawl, Instagram Gallery, Incorporating something to do with Arbor Day, Paint your Pet with local artist, summer movie night at the Palmerton Building lot - with food

Kathy will be checking with the Village Clerk about the Main Street Kiosk.

It is suggested that the board review their 2018 calendars in order to schedule monthly meetings. Discussion regarding the recruitment of potential board members and volunteers was discussed.

A brief tour was taken of a local facility that is willing to permit the BCC to host speakers, performances, and meetings for the BCC for in-kind support.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:10PM. Next meeting will be decided via email correspondences between board members.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitch Bean
Secretary of BCC