



ADVISORY BOARD

-- REGULAR MEETING --

Friday, September 15th, 2023
Great Falls Civic Center Rainbow Room
Call to Order: 12:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Advisory Board Members Present: Carl Donovan, Emily Langston, Randy Knowles and Ben Nelson
Advisory Board Members via Zoom: Grant Harville
City Staff Present: Owen Grubenhoff, Mansfield Events Manager
Public Present: None

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes

Chairman Donovan called for approval of the March 17th, 2023 minutes. Randy Knowles moved, seconded by Ben Nelson, to approve the minutes. The Mansfield Center for the Performing Arts Advisory Board unanimously approved the meeting minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

Missouri room and Theater restorations. Owen announced that the City is paying for plans to be drawn up for Missouri room reservations into a City court room. They would like to take over the Missouri room and the three meeting rooms attached. Over a year ago we submitted for a grant to get new seats in the theater as well as repairs for the ceiling. The grant request was for \$500,000 and the city would match the amount, but the award was only \$250,000. No decision has been made yet on how to partition the money between seats and ceiling.

Owen Grubenhoff explained the Great Fall Symphony will be doing their own ticketing this year. We will be collecting a flat fee for each concert. Randy Knowles asked how the change would affect usher and made a suggestion to Grant Harville that the tickets be made easier to read if possible because they are difficult to read in the dark.

Randy Knowles talked about a product call Koala Care Booster Chairs. He discovered them at an event in Virginia City and thought they might be useful for our theater. Our current booster seats are very old and very heavy. Owen informed the Board that we are planning on buying a sample and then proceeding to purchase 20 total if they are compatible with our seats.

Owen gave a report on summer events. It was a typical summer with the addition of a magic show in July.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mansfield Center for the Performing Arts Advisory Board, Chairman Donovan called to adjourn the regular meeting of September 15th, 2023, at 12:35 p.m.

Carl Donovan, Chairman

Kyleigh Heims, Secretary