



## **Board of Directors Meeting Minutes September 26, 2023**

**Board Members Present:** Dave Margolius, David Robinson, Liz Kilroy Hernandez, Brendan Zak, Adam Saurwein, Kate Warren, Marlon Brown. **Staff:** Lucas Reeve, Amber Jones, Jess Timms.

**Meeting was called to order at 6:04pm.** David Robinson made a motion to approve the August minutes, Marlon Brown seconded, minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report** (David Robinson) Brendan Zak motioned to approve August financials, Marlon Brown seconded, financials were approved.

**Nominating Committee Update** (Kate Warren) The Nominating Committee completed its formal process and is prepared to bring its findings and recommendations to the body. Brendan Zak made a motion to go into executive session, Marlon Brown seconded. Exiting the executive session, with a motion by David Robinson, seconded by Liz Kilroy Hernandez, Kate Warren reported out the board would like to nominate two candidates to be voted on at the annual meeting, Norberto (Berto) Huertas and Andrew Katusin. This nomination follows a unanimous Board of Director vote on the matter after a motion by Marlon Brown, seconded by David Robinson. Moving on to Executive Committee nominations and voting, Dave Margolius asks for nominations for President of the Board. Kate Warren nominates Brendan Zak. David Robinson nominates Katrina Homer for Vice President. Liz Kilroy Hernandez nominates Gordy Jones for Treasurer. Brendan Zak nominates Kate Warren for Secretary. All were voted in unanimously by secret ballot.

**Old Brooklyn Nite: Recap** (Jess Timms) Tickets sold: 214 Sponsorships (104) Individual (107). Attendees: 246. Preliminary numbers showing Expenses \$16,982. Gross \$56,636. Net \$39,654. She also discussed the Staff and Events Committee debrief, including developing a strategy for events committee meetings and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events. The Advancement Committee generally reviewed Old Brooklyn Nite, discuss fundraising strategy for 2024, and devising a plan for member recruitment.

**Annual Meeting and Membership benefits** (Amber Jones) The Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at the Cleveland Maennerchor, 4515 State Rd. 6 pm.

**Membership updates:** Continue our free membership and have automatic renewal for all members which will occur every December/January; each member will receive an email that confirms their membership, make updates/changes, or be removed. New member benefits: Auto renewal, sticker/cling of the OB50 logo, merchandise discount of 10%, monthly email with membership section, a Spring membership event, sneak peak of summer events, recurring donations platform, Anniversary date reminder, Member of the Year award at the Annual meeting, Annual meeting invites, voting for board members, welcome email with information about the organization. The goal of evolving the member benefits include, increasing diversity, and engagement.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Logo** (Lucas Reeve) Presented the new 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logos that will replace the current logo next year for the organizations 50<sup>th</sup> year.

**Memphis & Pearl Update** (Lucas Reeve) Updated project financing, having secured \$250,000 from Cuyahoga County Council, an application for \$150,000 of pre-development costs from Ward 13, a \$3,000,000 award letter from City of Cleveland Community Development and drafted legislation for another \$2,500,000 from Cleveland City Council. Environmental assessments are complete, with the Development Team setting up for the next application for state remediation grants. The most current design plans were circulated for review. Plans for additional community engagement around design are being contemplated by staff. Timeline is progressing well, pushing towards the end of 2023 for grant updating and contracting.

**New Business:** None.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm**