

Iowa Thespian Chapter Board
Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday, April 11, 2021
Time: 7:00 PM
Place: Zoom

Board Members Present	Board Members Absent
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Aaron Dean, Chapter Director ● Leslie LaCorte, Chapter Director ● Mike Hunter, Treasurer ● Michael Peitz, Secretary ● Alan Strait, Communications ● Liz Hansen, Membership ● Steph DeLacy, Student Leadership ● Casey Scott, STO Chair ● Maria Markus, Junior Thespian STO ● Luis Avalos, Advocacy STO ● Barrett Edwards, Communications STO ● Madeline Murphy, Special Projects STO ● Hannah Wilson, Membership STO ● Erica Heiselman, Secretary STO ● Gabby Johnson, Incoming ITO ● Brooke Richardson, , Incoming ITO ● Caroline Sierk, Incoming ITO ● Otto Fox, Incoming ITO ● Olivia Mick, Incoming ITO ● Lydia Benesh, Incoming ITO 	
Special Assistants to the Board Present	Others Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Helen Duranleau-Brennan-Advocacy 	

Meeting called to order by State Director Aaron Dean at 7:00 pm

I. Welcome and Introductions

2020 and 2021 Board Members

II. Financial Report (Mike)

We are OK. Virtual Festival income approximately \$4300, expenses approximately \$3700. Still writing post festival payments. In total we have \$55,964 in the bank.

III. Open Forum

Nothing to report.

IV. Old Business

- A. 2020 State Thespian Officer Festival Report
 - Casey: In short, pleased.
 - Luis: Felt positive.
 - Erica: As a group, we could do more to get word out.
 - Barrett: Find more ways to get students there.
 - Madeline: Suggests one document with a check list of things to do.
 - Hannah: We showcased many.
- B. 2020 Adult Board Festival Post-Mortem Report
 - Aaron: Thanked Leslie for coordination and leadership
 - Leslie: Thanked Aaron for the idea for the v-fest.
 - Steph: All went well.
- C. UNI Report (Leslie)
 - Do definite word as of last week from UNI.
 - Eric Lange, UNI Director of Theatre, joined at 7:57 and reports:
 - Little tangible is known at this time. They are planning for UNI theatre to be outside this fall, then a radio show, the inside in spring. Classes will be at 100% in person in the fall.
 - He has talked with GBPAC and expects this fall events will be social distanced and seating will be at 350-499 seats. Anticipates more solid information in the summer, perhaps late June.
 - Theatre UNI has the Thespian Festival in their calendar, and they are installing student a leadership team. He can share with GBPAC that we've met and are starting planning, and he will continue seeking information and will email any news.
 - Leslie: the biggest unknown looks to be schools' policies for overnight trips.
 - Keeping current date is preferred. If UNI can't host, we prefer a regional live-event model.

V. Work Sessions Held

- A. 2020/2021 State Thespian Officers
 - 1. Goal setting
 - 2. Plans for Junior Thespian Festival
 - 3. Social media transition & guidelines
- B. 2020/2021 Adult Board
 - 1. Leadership Day
 - 1. Location
 - 2. Schedule
 - 3. Next steps
 - 2. High School Festival
 - 1. Location
 - 2. Committees and recruitment
 - 3. Next steps

VI. New Business/ Work Session Report Out

- A. International Thespian Festival
 - STO should plan to attend Leadership events and workshops. Iowa Thespians will be helping offset the costs, which students will pay initially. Amount to be finalized.
- B. Advocacy Update (Helen)
 - We did a virtual Hill Week. Thanks to all are our participants. DC staffers accommodated school scheduling for appointments after 3:00 PM.
- C. Leadership Day
 - To be held first Saturday in August, Aug. 7.
 - Chair: Liz, assisting will be Michael and Helen.
 - Liz will coordinate with Dixie at So. Tama about hosting and will work on a survey of Troupe Directors re: in person and other info. A hybrid format is possible. We are looking for a Keynote speaker; Michael has an idea and will make a contact.
- D. High School Festival

Our goal is an in-person event on the traditional dates. UNI is still up in the air with off-campus visitors in facilities. There are many unknowns: schools, travel, overnight stays. We may have to tweak the schedule.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

- June (Date TBD) TBD International Thespian Festival
- July TBD TBD Leadership Day Preparation
- August 7 Location TBD Leadership Day
- October TBD Location TBD
- November 11-13 Cedar Falls Iowa Thespian Festival