

## Museum of Bus Transportation Board of Directors Meeting

Museum of Bus Transportation Board Room, and via conference call 7:00 PM Sept 19, 2017

Board Members Attending: Doug Campbell, John Dockendorf, Jeff Goldwasser, Dino Mandros, Dave Millhouser, Howard Nice, David Schmidt, Mark Szyperski, Ed Lacey, Bob Smith.

Advisers Attending: Terry Cosentino, Walter Earl, Ken McNelis, Angel Tollens, Becky Tollens, Ralph Fetrow

Guest: AACA Museum Executive Director Jeff Bliemeister

Chairman Dave Schmidt opened the meeting with a quorum and of the Board present.

Dino Mandros moved to approve last meetings minutes, Bob Smith seconded and motion passed.

Jeff Bliemeister reported that the AACA Museum has had a very good year so far, attendance and revenue up. He passed out flyers and invited MBT members to attend October 4 "Night at the Museum" Fundraiser.

**Chairman's Report** : Dave Schmidt indicated that MBT will be well represented at the BusBoys Vinage Bus Rally in Evansville IN. We will have a table and display.

The Krapf family has offered to pay for the renovation of the interior of the 1951 Brill.

Dave attended the Motor Bus Society Board Meeting as part of joint effort to work together. We were invited to participate with them at the APTA conference in Atlanta October 9 to 11. There was consensus that we will contribute financially to the effort, but the actual amount was not determined. We are also invited, if we wish, to attend the MBS meeting in Atlanta prior to the APTA conference.

Dave also wants to set up a meeting with MBS to discuss working together on such things as digitizing historic literature and documents...what part each of us can do best to preserve industry history.

One of the MBS items for follow up review and discussion is to consider establishing a joint MBT/MBS membership. One suggestion offered was to establish a joint membership with a \$10 reduction in each of our organization's individual annual memberships This subject will be part of a planned future meeting with MBS officials, along with a discussion of what material our respective organization's should keep in their library. A future special meeting to discuss our Collection policy is planned, as MBS is interested in obtaining some of our bus literature.for their library.

**Curators Report:** Bob Smith reported that the 4104 and 4106 were both ready for the car show, but we might be short one driver. Hoping to find one, otherwise will send just the 4106

They have nearly finalized sorting materials donated by Fred Lehrer, determining what to keep, what to sell etc.

The Car Museum is helping positioning their displays from hindering access to our display cases and timeline. This seems to be working out.

It was decided that switching the Scenic and Gump bus in order to get better lighting was not currently feasible, as the Scenic has a few problems making it hard to move.

Angel Tollens came up with solution... has tested interior lighting in Gump and Scenic's upper deck that improves visibility without moving buses.

**Gift Shop** John Dockendorf reports revenue is up @ \$1,300 over same 8 months last year. 6 of 8 months showed improvement over same month last year. There are, as of yet, virtually no merchandise orders being placed on website. To help make the Gift Shop more comprehensive, Mark S. agreed to provide John D. information each month on any merchandise sold on our website

**Finance** Ralph Fetrow reported for Ed Wolf, who is on vacation. Due to some unexpected expenses like the security system at the Annex leave us relatively short of cash, reserve is down to \$11,000. We do now want to liquidate investments early. We did receive \$1344 from a CD, and overall our investments are doing well. The Treasurer's Report will be expanded to include Paypal activity..

**Property Real Estate** Ralph reported for them that we had an informal appraisal of the Annex. Real Estate agent felt value was \$300,000 to \$350,000 and that property has many traits that are particularly good for our purposes (garage etc.) If we chose to sell, it would be valuable, but only to buyers who had those sorts of needs.

Early thinking is we have a couple of alternatives... sell annex and buy another property or keep Annex and add supplemental property.

**Fleet Committee** John Oakman was out of town, Dave Millhouser read report.

All new security lighting and cameras are installed and working. Total cost to date is \$12,277.00 and we have recouped about half of that in donations. MCI will be sending \$2500 check in next 2 weeks.

Harran Flx is sold, will soon be delivered to customer who will meet tow truck in MI. \$12,000 is price.

4104 and 4106 are ready to go to car show, but, as mentioned before, we may be short a driver.

Pick-up truck is licensed, insured and ready to go.

All garage doors at annex have been repaired and service. Air compressor has been fixed and back in working order We have had two (2) excellent work days.

We did have a minor accident where we ran the Flx into the 4104, 4104 is repaired and better than when we hit it, Flx is to go to local body shop to have dents repaired like new.

We are going to assign a bus to each mechanic so he will be responsible for that unit. Ken has done an excellent job with that assignment and origination.

Dale Krapf has given Dave Schmidt the OK to proceed with the 1951 Bill. Bob and Ken will work out getting it out of the museum and ready to go to re builder Premier. Bob will than decide what unit he wants to put in museum in its place.

We are working on getting a quote to repaint the MC-8 back to correct Red Lion colors and scheme  
Working on getting entrance step and clutch fixed after annual meeting

**Industry Relations Committee** John Oakman asked Dave Millhouser to report. We got a lot of involvement early on, but it has slowed a bit, in large part because members have been busy in other activities. Many of those have settled down, and John will be scheduling a meeting in the near future.

**Events Committee** John Dockendorf reported that registration is slow for Annual Meeting, but apparently this happens every year. We do need to press for folks to register. We have received \$1,500 in donations. We are going to ask Mark Watson to press on Facebook. Dave M. offered to electronically send members a copy of the planned Annual Meeting registration reminder notice. John D. will provide him with copy of this memo.later this month.

Bob Garrett has agreed to paint a Scenicruiser model as gift to speaker Vic Parra.

Becky Tollens reported that food costs are coming in under budget.

Marketing Committee Mark Szyperski reported that Mysteries at the Museum is adamant that we can't promote the episode filmed here. Not sure why, but keeps us from getting word out.

Website has been updated with Annual Meeting information and nomination forms for Election.  
Our brochure has been updated, and digitized, so we can print as needed.

Musings went out, was well received. Next issue will be after Annual Meeting

Emailing to members who have email addresses, coupled with using bulk mailing has saved hundreds of dollars.

The "pullups" are working well when used as marketing displays at bus meetings.

**Donations Committee** Dino Mandros reported no gifts of materials since Fred Lehrer's gift. We are working on temporary storage of materials stored in luggage bays while buses are moved out of Museum while walls are being painted. Jeff Bliemeister indicated we would likely be able to use some racks in their area temporarily.

**Old Business** Dino Mandros moved that we add a "confidentiality agreement" to bylaws. Howard Nice seconded. A majority of the Board is in favor, but the vote had enough nays and abstentions that we did not have the Supermajority necessary for a bylaw change. John Dockendorf will write a draft for further consideration, which we can then further debate.

**New Business** We have 4 nominees for Board, Howard Nice, John Dockendorf, Bob Smith and Angel Tollens. Dino Mandros moved that we ratify them for placement on the ballot, Jeff Goldwasser seconded, and motion passed..

It is possible we will have more, and Dave Schmidt indicated that if added nominations come in, we would have a brief conference call to ratify them. Because so many Board Members are traveling this week, Ken McNelis was asked to receive any nominations.

Mark Szyperski will prep the ballots for mailing, and we will be using special paper to ensure security. Nominees need to get 100 word bios in for inclusion.

**Open Discussion** Dave Schmidt raised issue of how we determine what names go on Annex, and the larger issue of perhaps forming a Hall of Fame and Honor Roll. He asked Bob Smith and Angel Tollens to meet in next month or so to begin discussion of criteria.

Dave also indicated that we will do an end-of-the-year solicitation of members in an effort to finish the year in the black financially.

He and Jeff Bliemeister are beginning informal discussions on renewing our lease at the AACA Museum when it expires in @ 5 years.

Dave S received a letter addressed to him and the Board from Life Member John Corson asking that we consider reinstating Charles Wotring's Life Membership. Dave, with support of the Board, will respond that we will not do so, and that our bylaws prohibit it.

Dave S announced dates for 2018 Board Meetings, Spring Fling and Annual Meetings

Board will meet January 16, March 20, May 21, July 17, September 18 and November 20. Spring Fling will be on June 1 and 2, and the Annual Meeting October 27

Meeting adjourned @ 9PM