

Texas Filmmakers Corporation
Board of Directors Meeting
May 19, 2006

Call to order 7:25pm

In attendance:

Joshua Butler
David Alvarado
Carol Salazar
Matt Crawford

Introduction: Matt Crawford – Houston

Review mission statement, read by Joshua Butler

Intended Service Area

University issued concerns over our service area. We operate as a student organization and a community organizations. They keep wanting to define us as one or the other.

Regions served:

FilmNET = Nationwide
Grants/Scholarships = Statewide
Equipment = Statewide
Editing Labs & Screenings = Local
Student Chapter = Local/University.

Proposed educational programs:

Education on equipment
Online/DVD tutorials
Software workshops
Film Festival

In 2009 we will need to show the IRS proof of our education efforts.

Educational devices – Tutorials, DVDs. Videotape a tutorial here and offer online and in library.

Testimonials: projects, people,

Grant Applications: Review – See Grant Applicant Review

Chapter president: Patrick Flaherty

Student board members: Brent Hillendahl, Jason Pitts

Asked for budget – student chapter is responsible for raising additional funds for themselves, and to participate in fundraising efforts for the parent org.

Allow student chapter to work as Arm of the university, and the parent org.

Need to create full by-laws for student chapter. By Sep 1, 2006.

Review current annual budget

Baseball – we should get very close to \$25,000 mark.

Expenses mirrors pretty close what we have spent this year.

Inventory = T-Shirts and tapes, spent about \$1,000 and taken close to re-couping that.

TFC bank account. (online) Now have \$4,500. Currently owe \$2,200 on American express and \$3,000 on Chase. Have applied and be accepted on 0 interest balance card to transfer balance and is 0 interest to 2007.

Possible expenditures: debt reduction, new deck,

POI – (matt) make a link page to forums where members can access to answers.

New deck:

Three options in budget D. with B&H pages included.

Sony - DSR -11 - \$1600

Choice - \$1600 for Sony DSR – most professional piece of equipment.

New Computer Hardware:

Proposed: new computer from JB to JB (explain)

Buy \$6000 & \$600 computer from JB – for edit bay and administrative computer. For \$1000. new computer discussion suspended to be discussed at a later date.

Add multifunction lighting printer, fax, scanner, copier

Lighting:

Lowel DP&T – 92 tungsten 3 light kit - \$1220

Plus

Lowel LC – 55 500 tungsten softbox light - \$430

Audio:

Per Matt Crawford

\$3500 - mixer, lav, shotgun, pole, cable, box, plus.

Buy audio – Trew Audio – for professional gear and advice.

AVID Training:

David Alvarado – already starting AVID training. 119. Wants TF to pay for second AVID course. To return and train TF members on AVID.

Form relationship with AVID to ask for free training, and look into DVD training.

Office based resources:

Equipment rental: 11:00pm

No rental agreement – no deposit, no system, damaged or lost gear.

Want to join TALA – Texas Association of Lawyers Association for assistance in generating above documents.

Matt Crawford motion to Join TALA – Seconded by Joshua Butler – vote unanimous.

Want to purchase Retail Pro – software to handle retail

Need credit card machine

Need to increase retail activity

We should be selling more film related gear

Editing lab issues – deck, no system for drive usage, media management issues. Build a tape room, moving from creation to storage to archive.

Set rules, standard operating procedure for media storage... time limits, organization,

pdf folder on the desktop with instructions for storage, training video, **orientation video**, available help for beginners, series of training and orientation.

Total training and VTC – free training (Matt Crawford) training subscription.

Staff:

Need interns for office management,

Office needs:

Expansion – equipment storage, power (battery backup for computers)

New rental agreement – lease renewal, awaiting word from Marc Herbst

Screenings: 12:00

Broken Silence – success, \$\$, attendance,

Screenings need to be someone's responsibility- to bring in films and filmmakers.

Matt Crawford – look for a hub of filmmakers looking for a place to screen.

Film festival:

When: looking at moving date to Labor Day weekend 9/3/07

Venue/: is available that weekend

No other major festival that weekend in Denton

Audience for film festival –

Ben Levin agrees to be on jury – “other documentary festivals – elder people with disposable income attend.” Hot Springs – huge doc festival, they come in bus loads. Robson Ranch, and other senior communities.

Vote: Joshua Butler motion date for Film Fest 9/3/07 Seconded Carol Salazar – unanimous

Fine Arts Theater – gaining access important

Ben Levin – good idea to pull from other festivals, do best of other festivals. (filler)

International Documentary

Texas Instrument – Brad Walker

Creative Award

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 am