

Texas Filmmakers Corporation
Board of Directors Meeting
July 18, 2006

Call to order 1:41pm

In Attendance:

Josh Butler
David Alvarado
Carol Salazar
Robert Kam
Jason Pitts

Opening:

Vote on new board member - Robert Kam

Ideas for the org

How to raise \$\$

Lots of things to share and to be available to offer my time

Public access works thru non profits

Looking for experience with non profits

Joshua Butler nominates Robert Kam as newest board member

Matt Crawford Seconds

All in favor – Unanimous, motion passes

Welcome aboard Robert Kam

Robert Kam issued keys – full access to facility including equipment room

Old Business:

Meeting Protocol:

- Minutes

Grants Update:

All grantees have received funds and responded to receipt

DRC

Denton Perspectives

DTV newsbreak

FilmNET Issues Update

- Double login - fixed
- Less confusing registration page - fixed
- Testimonials – want everyone to put together a list of people who would give us a good testimonial. Small photo, name, title, blurb, link.

Equipment rental issues update

- Rental agreement – do have rental agreement – we did join TALA – submitted request for aid, have not found a ‘partner’ as of yet. Awaiting response.
 - Rental agreement and membership agreement.

- Deposit – currently do not have system in place to take deposits
- System – waiting on response from Retail Pro for system to handle orders, cash, deposits and so forth.
- Damaged equipment update

Equipment lab issues update

- Deck – deck is repaired – and only use Panasonic tapes
- System hard drive usage – need storage system for removable hard drives when not in use.
- Help to beginners – online training – Lynda.com, vtc.com – subscribe to tutorials for our members. Research cost and legalities of multiple users.

Office issues update

- Staff – not something we can deal with at this time
- Systems - not something we can deal with at this time
- Intern program - establishing with UNT

Discuss new build- out at Panhandle House

Look at floor plan options provided by Mark

Make a list of building needs to present to Mark

Budgets and Expenditures

Review current financials and six month projections: \$3,500 in the bank currently

After all bills \$8,500

Review recent activity and discuss changes to planned expenditures

- Debt reduction – paid on all cards
- Credit movement – moved to interest free cards
- Office improvements – furniture, all in one printer,
- Editing lab upgrades – parts have been ordered, and more hard drives have been ordered.
 - Current machines will go to 3 gig of RAM and will make them HD ready
 - Adobe – software on the way
 - Deck – still looking for solution for Sony tapes
- Lighting, audio – waiting on purchasing lighting equipment until we have a system in place to check out and manage equipment
- No new purchases until late September.
- AVID training

Funding

New sources of revenue

- Possible New Donors
 - **Want a list from each BOD of ten possible donors**
- Possible fundraising events
 - Workshops
 - Conventions
 - Monthly meetings and training
 - Professional lecturers

- Banquet style fundraiser- gambling, entertainment, silent auction, live auction, cash bar. Bring in 'Famous' presenter. Politician, star, director.
- Fundraising drive on Charter 25

New Business

- 1st Volunteer party – reward volunteers for the past 3 years of service.
Sunday, September 10th noon to 6 pm.
Rules of party:
Volunteers only
Who can they bring? Plus one, and/or family
We will not be providing alcohol
Wave runner rental
No one drinking can ride wave runner
[Motion to have a \\$1,000 budget for volunteer party. Seconded by David Alvarado, all in favor, unanimous. Motion passes.](#)

How can Robert Kam help?

- Future of Charter 25 – as cable access franchises expire, report from Robert Kam.

Film Festival

Campus Theater – free for Labor Day weekend 2007

Need projector

Sound

Bio diesel bussing

GDAC

Determine Categories/Rules – i.e. 'Sports Doc' "Cross Over"

Determine Film Review and Selection – process –

Call for entries – and entry fee

Awards – sponsored – AVID – Airline Tickets –

Competitive festival – means prizes -

Festival Committee – Assign Responsibilities – TA's

Judging

- Possible judges?
 - Melinda Levin
 - Ben Levin
 - Mark Birnbaum
- Criteria

Film Festival – Chair FF director

Associate Chair -

Creative Director –

Documentation –

Programs –

Hotels - -

Marketing –

Joshua Butler propose formation of a film festival committee – David Alvarado second all in favor, unanimous. Motion passes.

Joshua Butler nominates Carol Salazar as Chair of the film festival committee – Robert Kam seconds, all in favor, unanimous. Motion passes.

Joshua Butler nominates David Alvarado as associate chair – Robert Kam seconds, all in favor, unanimous. Motion passes.

Think about powers of the film festival committee. How much can they do without board approval?

Student Chapter

Vote on Student President

- Purpose – Motion – Joshua Butler - that the current student president Patrick Flaherty be removed from his post for the reason that he has not fulfilled his duties to date. Motion seconded by David Alvarado, all in favor, unanimous. Passed
- Motion – Joshua Butler – nominate Jason Pitts as president of student chapter of TF. Seconded by Carol Salazar, all in favor unanimous. Passed
- Mission – encourage production, encourage collaboration, fellowship, incorporate people and get them involved. Monthly meeting
- Goals
- Leadership, possible officers? – Michael Garcia, Chris Cepeda, Megan Boucher,
- Are members going to be allowed voting rights?
- Student members vote on student board?
- Structure – discuss student chapter constitution
- Annual voting on board members, no term limits
- Annual meeting – end of spring. RTVF week. Nominations in march.
- Fundraising through UNT – eagles nest \$300– specific events on campus. Many more opportunities.
- To encourage the university.
- A social organization that encourages production and university values.
- Social network of student filmmakers vs. TF as a social network of emerging and independent filmmakers.

Mission statement - “To encourage a social network of likeminded students in order to facilitate collaboration on production, networking, and blah, blah, blah.” JB

Motion – Joshua Butler nominate Brent Hillendahl and Patrick Flaherty to be Student chapter VP’s jointly. David Alvarado second – vote – unanimous. Motion passes.

Jason Pitts to write mission statement tomorrow, and to go to the student activities office and request student organization status for the fall.

Schedule

July 19th – 6pm – Student Committee Meeting

Discuss:

- Officers – Nomination/Selection
- Structure
- Budget
- Events
- Responsibilities

August 22nd – Student Committee Meeting – with all officers

- Assign responsibilities
- Plan 1st week of school events
- Discuss game plan for semester

August 28th – 1st day of classes

September 9th – Annual board meeting

September 10th – TF Volunteer party

September 19h – Annual Member Meeting

Additional Business

TAFTP – Carol Salazar requesting sponsorship for membership in TAFTP in order to advocate for and represent TF within the TAFTP arena. David Alvarado motions to sponsor dues at \$150, Joshua Butler seconds, all in favor, unanimous. Motion passed.

Workshops – lecturers

- Audio
- 24p
- avid
- avid training

Relationship with Flatland Film Festival – Carol Salazar wants TF to have a presence at Flat Land Film Festival in Lubbock

Adjourned 5:00 PM