

**FRIENDS OF THE STAR**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**July 30, 2020 | 5PM MT**

**Board Members Present:**

Bill Pullman, Ruth Lott, Matt Dawson, Liz Pullman

**Board Members Absent:** NA

*Quorum present?* Yes

*Others Present:*

**Proceedings:**

- Meeting called to order at 5:02PM ; Meeting adjourned at .

**Welcome:** Bill

**Housekeeping:** Bill

- Change to the initial 5 member board to the 4 member board. For the time being, we need to organize without complications of conflict of interest issues with Colton. Eventually we hope to resolve those and include him.
  - Approved at first "unofficial" meeting.
- Report from Bill about issues of forming the official Articles of Incorporation and By-laws.
  - Chere Juisto and MPA are consulting a pro bono lawyer for us for the correct language. Working with an attorney in Helena - best to work as an association, instead of an LLC. Bill is unsure if going through as an association would change the Articles of Incorporation, but it probably will. Recommendations of wording for Articles and Bylaws will be given from attorney and we will revisit at next meeting.
  - Montana Preservation Alliance (MPA) will be able to be a partial fiscal sponsor, though not through the presentation aspect. Bill has a call into JLDC and is waiting to hear back from Allison; as well as working on contacting Jefferson Valley Community Foundation. Bill will work on contacting Tim Mulligan, with JVCF. Bill also mentioned the SW MT Arts Council as a secondary idea for whom to contact. Ruth also suggested joining the Montana Non-Profit Association once our non-profit status is completed.
  - Other Orgs that might be fiscal sponsors for community-enhancing cultural presentations

- Review of the "Almost a one Pager: The Mission and The Timetable"  
CHANGES: Remove the "main street green" location from one-pager.  
CHANGE Mission to Vision
- How would the film segment specials work? A patron list? Special showing times. What nights work, etc. - FOS will talk with Colton.

Could the first event be more of an "intro to FOS" and figure out sponsorship levels for +/-50 people due to social distancing requirements.  
Need to clarify the line between where Colton's business is, where we are as an association, and where we can come together in the interim.

Possibly changing the field of reference from the Star to something larger - more like bringing culture/arts/performances to the greater area (not just the Star). Association dedicated to the bettering of performing/encouraging performing arts in the area. Something with STAR, star lite, star light, everbrite, star bright, jefferson valley presents, montana crossroads presents, big sky gatherings, crossroad gatherings, montana presents Montana gatherings presents, gathering junctions presents, decades of gatherings,

Matt, as well as everyone, has concerns with the current COVID situation and where the fall could land us in planning an event and possibly having to cancel, reschedule, etc. due to the situation.

- Review of "Friends of the Star" logo, OPUS poster, Main Street Green sign.
- Review of DRAFT of Articles of Incorporation, and Bylaws.  
Tabled until Helena attorney can provide input on LLC vs association.
- Official Election of Officers:  
Chair: Bill Pullman; Vice-Chair: Ruth Lott; Secretary: Liz Pullman; Treasurer: Matt Dawson.

### **New Business:**

- Any items brought up by members of the board

Committee development - diverse, multi-dimensional, not just local

- Date and time of next meeting

## **ACTION ITEMS**

<b>Who</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>When</b>
Bill	Call Tim Mulligan with JCVF	7/31
Ruth	Find out if Motherlode is LLC	ASAP
All	Brainstorm name ideas	