

OPEN SPOT ON VPC, vacated by Susan Madsen

As was discussed at the last Board meeting, he talked to Kevin at the Graduate and Mark at the Scarlet, but they have both moved on and are unable to join us. He recommended Bryan Sullivan at the Embassy Suites and asked for input. Michelle Waite said she serves on a couple other boards with him, and he does a great job. Jason Hoehne agreed. He's also worked with him and spoke highly of Sullivan. Maul said he has good opinions and ideas. Tom Lorenz made a motion to appoint Bryan as a new member of the board. Hoehne seconded the motion. Stitt asked the members to vote. Stitt, Tara Knuth, Lorenz and Hoehne voted yes. Jeff Barclay missed the discussion and abstained from voting. Jeff Cunningham was absent. Motion carried.

GRANTS

The first grant request was from the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska for UNL and its Nebraska Repertory Theatre. This is for ShakesFEAR at the Haunted Temple. It's a sell out and a big success. The request is for \$5,000 and the event is on October 13-30, 2022. Maul said the paperwork is complete. There was no discussion and Stitt asked for a motion to approve. Knuth made a motion to approve. Lorenz seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, so Stitt called for a vote. Barclay, Hoehne, Knuth, Lorenz and Stitt voted yes. Jeff Cunningham was absent for the vote. Motion carried.

The next grant discussed was from Celebrating Nebraska Statehood DBA Nebraska Impact. Stitt said this event is held at the State Capitol and has a lot of people every year. They are also requesting \$5,000. There was no discussion and Stitt asked for a motion to approve. Barclay made a motion to approve. Hoehne seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, so Stitt called for a vote. Barclay, Hoehne, Knuth, Lorenz and Stitt voted yes. Jeff Cunningham was absent for the vote. Motion carried.

Next up was the Leadership Harbor LLC. Stitt said the application that came to us is not eligible for two reasons. First, they are not a 501(c)3 and they did not designate where other funding would be coming from. Maul said he would contact them and let them know it is incomplete and they can reapply. Hoehne made a motion to decline the grant request. Lorenz seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, so Stitt called for a vote. Barclay, Hoehne, Knuth, Lorenz and Stitt all voted in agreement with the motions to decline. Cunningham was absent for the vote. Motion carried.

A grant was requested by the Lincoln Children's Museum for \$5,000. This grant is for a major renovation of the Apple Tree exhibit. It should be done next spring. It is an original exhibit, and they are hoping to bring people back to see how it has changed and what improvements were made. There was mention of how they are working along with the Kimmel Foundation. After that discussion, Lorenz made a motion to approve. Barclay seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, so Stitt called for a vote. Barclay, Hoehne, Lorenz and Stitt all voted yes. Knuth abstained and Cunningham was absent for the vote. Motion carried.

The final grant request of the day was from the Lincoln Veterans Parade Group for \$5,000. Stitt said this looks like a good event. Maul said we have had staff on the planning board, and it's been a really great event in the past few years. Roma Amundson will be the grand marshal this next time on November 13, 2022. After those comments, Stitt asked for a motion to approve. Lorenz made a motion to approve. Knuth seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, so Stitt

called for a vote. Barclay, Hoehne, Knuth, Lorenz and Stitt voted yes. Jeff Cunningham was absent for the vote. Motion carried.