

NHCA Board Meeting
August 28, 2018

The NHCA Board met on August 28, 2018 in the home of President, Dr. Delta Bowers, to discuss the matter of renewing the lease with CAT Theater. Members present were Delta Bowers, President, Lisa Walker, Vice President of Public Relations, Philip Kirby, Treasurer, Carmen Daugherty, Vice President of Membership, Phyllis Washington, Assistant Secretary, Deborah Norris, Secretary.

The board discussed the current situation with CAT noting the concerns in the current and new lease.

Points of concern:

- Rent has remained the same for a number of years

- We have had increases to NHCA cost because of the amount of time CAT uses the facility including utilities,

- damage to the plumbing, and etc.

- At this time CAT owes approximately \$2,700 from the current lease.

- CAT was allowed to use the facility during the summer months at no cost to them.

We met with Bruce Miller and Phil Whiteway, founders of Theater IV, the Barksdale Collaboration, and Virginia Repertory Theater. As concerned members of the theater community they wanted the opportunity to determine whether a deal could still be worked out with CAT Theater and NHCA. They were willing to speak with NHCA and with CAT to possibly work out a good faith deal that would be mutually beneficial to all parties including VA Rep. They in no way want to take over CAT but are willing to assist them in saving their current season, as well as helping them build a strong base to maintain them in the future. They noted that there may be funding available from various area foundations that support community theaters. Whiteway and Miller want keep theater reputations strong and positive in the area and hate to see a 54 year history come to an end as it is not just a lost to the Chamberlayne area but for Richmond and vicinity too.

The board shared the points of concern with Miller and Whiteway and they noted that our expectations were very reasonable.

Miller and Whiteway also noted that they would be interested in working with NHCA in the future as they may have needs to use our facility as they move forward with some remodeling in the VA Rep building. That may be another source of income for NHCA.

NHCA agreed to consider the outcome of the possible meeting of Whiteway and Miller with CAT. The board thanked them for taking the time and initiative to work out these negotiations.

The meeting was adjourned.