May 27, 2026
Arena Theater Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order** @ 6:06 pm

2. **Roll Call**
   Present: Lisa Joakimides, Michael Beattie, Mark Vanderwoude, Paul Andersen, Tim McMurtry, Tracy DuPont
   Via Zoom: Blake More, Steve McLaughlin, Fer Dumpert
   Staff: Shauna Boyd & Dagmar Moseley

3. **Privilege of the Floor/Correspondence**
   a. Shauna will be away from mid-day Mon. June 15 and back on Wed. July 1. She will miss the next board meeting in June. Dagmar will be covering for her in the office.
   b. We had a complaint from a theater member regarding special film events starting well after the scheduled starting time. They would prefer us to start on time and not wait for latecomers.
   c. Lauren Sinnott submitted a new proposal for a small sign on the North-East wall, featuring our name, flanked by two female figures depicted in Art Nouveau style. The board tabled this issue, making it an agenda item for discussion next month.

4. **Approval of the Agenda** Tracy moved approval, Tim seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

5. **Approval of the Minutes of the April 29 Board Meeting** Mark moved approval, Michael seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

6. **President's Report** Lisa thanked the board for a wonderful Annual Membership Meeting and remarked that she was pleased that seven members were in attendance. Officer appointments were made: Lisa Joakimides, President; Michael Beattie, Vice President; Mark Vanderwoude, Treasurer; Steve McLaughlin, Secretary.

7. **Secretary's Report** Paul said that he was honored to have served as secretary last year.

8. **Treasurer's Report** Mark reported that Cinema had a $22,600 loss this year vs a $16,600 loss last year, a $6,000 increased loss, which was much better than we had thought back in January, anticipating a $35,000 loss. In April, the theater had an overall loss of $73, vs a loss of $966 last April. Overall, the theater had a gain of $7,157, vs a gain of $2,950 last year, which is a $4,207 year-to-date increase. ATA received its new RCU credit card with rewards for purchases, and we are using it for our lightboard purchase while also using our Community Foundation Grant in its entirety.

9. Standing Committee Reports

a. Membership/Fund Development Lisa reported that we had 302 memberships with a total of 486 members. We received $5,280 in memberships and donations for March 2026, compared to $6.450 last year. Our Cocktails & Casablanca fundraiser on April 18 brought in about $2,800 net income with 60 attendees and was a fun, successful event. Our bilingual Spring Fundraising Letter hit over 3,700 mailboxes from Elk to Annapolis to Sea Ranch (and trying Jenner/Timber Cove), arriving the 2nd week of May. It cost $3,912 this year vs $3,527 last year (due to a postage increase and sending an additional 300 letters to a new area).

b. Programming

Cinema Dagmar reported that Cinema attendance picked up in May after a slow start. Coastal Seniors have started a shuttle bringing people to the Frugal Fridays evening showings. There was an unfortunate, stressful problem with the projector movie loading 'key,' which Phil & Dagmar solved, ultimately allowing us to play the movie 'The Christophers.' Upcoming movies will be The Devil Wears Prada 2, Tuner, Pressure, Mandalorian & Grogu, Disclosure Day and Toy Story 5. You've Got Gold, our recent Music on Film Nite movie, had 83 attendees and was well-received and financially successful.

Film Festival Shauna reported that our curator teams are starting to gather films. Our Local Short Film Encore presentation had over 140 attendees and brought in about $2,000. Shauna proposed using some of the proceeds from this Encore presentation to offer some scholarships/sponsorships for a potential Youth Filmmaking Camp that Annelise Jeske might hold this summer at the St. Paul's Community Center.

Live Shauna reported that **t**he Talent Show on May 9 was another great success, with 185 paying guests, plus the performers, bringing in about $1,600 in ticket sales, plus about $700 in concession/bar sales. The mid-week May 13 Rose City Band show broke even with sponsorship coverage. Our 1st Open Mic show of the summer season is coming up on May 30. The following Sat. June 6, we are collaborating with the Point Arena Drag Show. Two surf bands, Messer Chups and 3LH, will play on Sat. June 13. Our 2nd Blues on the Coast show, Tommy Castro & the Painkillers, will be on Sat. June 27, and we've already sold 120 tickets.

Telecasts Shauna reported that the Met Opera Finale, El Ultimo Sueno de Frida y Diego, will be on Sat. May 30. The next NT Live will be in August. Exhibition on Screen will return starting in September with three screenings and the program will be backed by a sponsor. We are planning to show a special presentation about the great painter, Georgia O'Keefe at the end of June.

Publicity Dagmar reported that publicity is out for the Cult Classics series and four upcoming live shows.

Film Club Steve reported that Film Club was in a period of re-grouping for next year. Following last year's model, the FC committee would choose the first six films. Then the FC members would choose the next six films.

c. Personnel Blake reported that she would be setting up a meeting for Personnel sometime after 4th of July.

d. Facilities Tim reported that he had termite-proofed above the stage and would be continuing under the stage and in the dungeon in the upcoming month. He is planning to have Kieran Martin prune back the tree in front of the theater to ensure the safety of our attendees. It was suggested that we put up blinds to help shade the yellow room from sun exposure**.**

10. Old Business

Board retreat next steps will be discussed by the board and within each committee in the future.

11. New Business

A. Committee assignments -- New Committee chair and member assignments were made. See attached document for listings.
B. Paul proposed a new 'Freedom On Film' series to be shown in the late summer/early fall, which the board approved. Each film will be backed by a sponsor.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm

Next meeting is June 24, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

(Minutes draft from Lisa Joakimedes, submitted by Steve McLaughlin, Secretary)