



TO: Mansfield City Council
FROM: Mainstage Classic Theatre
RE: Application for funds

Please consider reviewing our application a second time. We certainly accept that our previous Managing Director, Doug Parker, submitted the application late. We also realize now that he did not include necessary invoices although our treasurer had provided them to him early on. Only yesterday, when I received the letter from Jeanne Heard, City Secretary, did I or any of us know the situation.

Unfortunately, he resigned from MCT several weeks ago and is not around at all. Mr. Parker no longer represents MCT. This was his responsibility, as well as other things. He was the one working with Rosie at Farr Best and Theresa at the city, as well as the Lot for future endeavors.

I, and others on our board, are getting on top of these and look forward to a continued relationship with the city. I have spoken at length to Rosie and will continue to honor and help in anyway MCT can for the Pickle Parade and Hometown Holidays, among other endeavors.

The amount in question simply represents such a huge part of our yearly funding. We did not apply this year for the hotel/motel tax funding because upon attending the initial meeting for this year we realized we did not in good conscience qualify. We do not put heads in beds and we accept that. However, the application in question is very important to us. Our organization is completely run by volunteers... pretty much unlike any other community theatre. We do not have a paid staff. We have no marketing personnel to help promote funding. We truly want to further an appreciation of theatre in the area through our productions, classes and camps. In addition, we will continue to do this by admitting all MISD students to our productions free of charge!

Therefore, on the advice of Jeanne (thankfully), we respectfully request that you reconsider our application. Again, we apologize for this surprising development and remain grateful for any consideration.

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