



CHARLES IVES AUTHORITY FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

A Nonprofit Organization

Minutes Board of Directors Meeting, Sept. 21, 2011

To: Mayor Mark D. Boughton and Members of the Charles Ives Authority for the Performing Arts Board of Directors

Re: Minutes of the Ives Authority Board of Directors meeting held Sept. 21, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. The members were recorded as:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Greenberg, Anthony Vournazos, Sherri Hill, Frank Herbert, Brett DeWeese, Noel Roy Jr., Gina Marcus, Eileen Curran

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Ellen Cavallo-Buccitti

ALSO PRESENT: Phyllis Cortese, Paul Reis, Tanya Wulff Truax

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: After motion by Noel Roy, seconded by Eileen Curran, the minutes from the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Steve Greenberg

- Steve sincerely thanked everyone at the table for their time and talent and made note of the Sept. 11 event for which he thanked Phyllis for her hard work to make it successful.
- Steve said the settlement for the celebrity series is still in process as we are waiting for some checks to come in. The authority should enter the winter with a cushion.

- Steve said Mayor Boughton points to the Ives Authority as the “success story of the city” and WCSU President Schmotter had kind words and expressed his opinion that it was a “very successful year.”
- Plans for the Martin Stein Memorial were discussed, as were plans for a sponsor cocktail party.
- The Sept. 11 event raised donations for Danbury First Responders (EMT, Fire, Police) and checks will be presented that total \$1,000. Further discussion resulted in \$100 thank-you fee paid to all performers in the 9/11 event; a grant for \$5,000 from Danbury Cultural Commission was received for some of the event expenses by Phyllis.
- Steve noted that the Friends of the Ives have raised almost \$11,000 to-date.
- Steve said he wanted to talk in the future about the possibility of making the office manager a full-time position with insurance coverage.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Phyllis Cortese

- Phyllis said that the migration of the office computers that were donated by WCSU to the Cloud technology will take place this week. The staff is looking at a new 5-in-1 printer.
- A review of the season by show was delivered by Phyllis. This resulted in a discussion about the partnership with Keith Mahler, the role of campus police vs. state police and more.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Anthony Vournazos

- Tony went through the balance sheets, pointing out assets and accounts receivables.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT: After motion by Ellen Cavallo-Buccitti, seconded by Frank Herbert, the Treasurer’s Report was unanimously approved.

FRIENDS OF THE IVES REPORT: Noel Roy Jr.

- Noel said the group would be meeting in the next week to continue their work.
- Steve requested that the marketing committee use Facebook to encourage supporters to give to the Friends of the Ives.
- Noel discussed the need for new chairs at the venue and possibilities for fundraising to acquire about 500 new chairs.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Steve stated his desire for the Fine Arts series to be spaced out better next season instead of clumped together so closely.
- Paul Reis commented on how great the season was in terms of numbers.
- Steve thanked Brett for his organization and handling of the Ives Ambassadors. Brett is relinquishing that role due to increased travel obligations.
- Tony discussed his desire for increased security, including cameras, at the site.
- Steve asked all board members to come up with "wish lists" of ideas.
- Frank invited everyone to attend the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new WCSU School of Visual and Performing Arts on Oct. 17.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

The next meeting is Wednesday, Oct. 19.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri Hill, Secretary