



CHARLES IVES AUTHORITY FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

A Nonprofit Organization

Minutes Board of Directors Meeting, Jan. 18, 2012

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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 Jan. 18, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. The members were recorded as:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Greenberg, Anthony Vournazos, Sherri Hill, Tanya Wulff Truax, Paul Reis, Eileen Curran, Frank Herbert, Noel Roy Jr., Frank Herbert, Gina Marcus

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Ellen Cavallo Buccitti, Brett DeWeese

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

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Steve Greenberg

- Steve distributed WCSU parking permits to board members for future meetings.
- He also reminded the board about the Feb. 2 thank-you reception at the Amber Room and passed out invitations so members can pass them along to local businesses to thank them for their sponsorship and support of Ives.

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- Steve discussed his meeting with Keith Mahler and the email he sent to Keith and the mayor about the delay in settlement of expenses. Steve asked RKE to take a cut on their fee since the Ives is not receiving full payment.
- Steve reported we will receive 87 % of what Keith owes us and from now on, we need to collect settlement from him on the night of the show.
- Along the same line, all sponsors must give a check and signed contract in advance or they will no longer receive tickets or anything without both.
- Steve plans to meet with Phil Curran to discuss the future of the authority under the auspices of the City of Danbury.
- There will not be a Family Festival or a Renaissance Fair this year. The contract with the Ren Fair people has been voided and they will be removing their materials from the site.
- We are investigating a New Haven company, Manic Productions, for a possible younger age show in the future. Nothing has worked out with Safe to Swim.
- Steve addressed the Marketing Committee and said the website is better but we need to look at ways to update the page. He suggested the Ridgefield Playhouse as an example of what he means. He said we can use \$2,500 for our web page to make it more interactive; Frank suggested using Ives trivia from the past.
- Steve said he and Paul Reis looked at the impending parking situation due to construction of the WCSU SVPA building and are coming up with plans. Parking seems to work better without a police presence on campus and Facebook will be used to encourage patrons to come early.

FRIENDS OF THE IVES REPORT: Noel Roy Jr.

- Noel said the group met the night before and they have received a few grants, including one from Meserve Memorial Fund. Grant-writing is ongoing.
- About \$3,800 was received from the December mailing and the Friends account currently holds approximately \$18,000, so no additional funds will be needed from the Ives Authority at this time.

- The group is looking at hosting a fall festival such as a "Rocktober Fest" that will be family-friendly. Leslie Brent, who does front gate security will also help with event planning.
- There is a possibility of a 50-50 raffle for a car or Vespa, and that is being investigated. Alternate fundraising such as trip raffles is also being considered.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Anthony Vournazos

- Tony provided an update on the status of the audit.
- Giftworks and the Cloud have been rocky and slow, which is proving to be very frustrating.
- Our balance sheet shows we have a cushion to take us into the summer.
- Tony suggested that we get \$5,000 worth of additional chairs to replace rusted/damaged chairs. He will get a proposal together.
- The following motion was put to a vote:
"In lieu of the \$10,000 loan previously approved at a meeting on March 16, 2011, the Ives Authority will give a \$3,740.40 loan, payable on demand but no later than 24 months from execution, non-interest bearing, to the Friends of the Ives, Inc."

APPROVAL OF MOTION: After motion by Tony Vournazos, seconded by Frank Herbert, the motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT: After motion by Noel Roy Jr., seconded by Gina Marcus, the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

HEALTH INSURANCE TASK FORCE: Paul Reis

- Paul proposed keeping Phyllis on the city plan as long as we can.
- Steve Glick has options for insurance, but you need to have two people on the plan.

- For other full-time employees, we should give them a stipend so they can get their own insurance. A suggested amount was \$450/month.
- Tony asked to go on record stating that he's uncomfortable with the arrangements with the city regarding insurance.
- It was noted that Phyllis currently does not contribute at all to her insurance coverage.
- Frank moved that the board follow the recommendation of the committee to leave Phyllis on the city plan and offer a stipend to Sophia.

APPROVAL OF MOTION: After motion by Frank Herbert, seconded by Gina Marcus, the motion was approved. Tony abstained from the vote.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Frank said he saw the Mill Plain Road sign vandalized and asked to have it taken down. Paul responded that the options are: to replicate the old sign at Ives' expense or hire the university's Planning & Engineering department to design a new sign as a cost-share. Paul and Steve to discuss further.
- Because of period shut-downs to the Westside Campus Center, Paul suggested moving summer board meetings to the Westside Classroom Building. Steve will also check to see if those meetings can be held at City Hall.
- A request was made for Phyllis to send Board meeting reminders via Outlook in the future.

On motion by Paul Reis, seconded by Eileen Curran, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

The next meeting is Wednesday, Feb. 15.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sherri Hill".

Sherri Hill, Secretary