



CHARLES IVES AUTHORITY FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

A Nonprofit Organization

Minutes Board of Directors Meeting, April 17, 2013

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 April 17, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. The members were recorded as:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steven Greenberg, Anthony Vournazos, Fernando Jimenez, Frank Herbert, Gina Marcus, Sherri Hill, Tanya Wulff Truax

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Brett DeWeese, Paul Reis

ALSO PRESENT: Phyllis Cortese, Executive Director

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

FRIENDS OF THE IVES: Steve Greenberg

- Steve discussed the plans for the minigolf fundraiser on May 4. We need more teams to play.
- The Friends of the Ives account has about \$65,000 in the bank. Some may be utilized to replace two of the tents at the site.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Steve Greenberg

- Bob Connor has signed his contract.

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- The Ives Ambassador pre-meeting will be on April 29, with the big meeting on May 2 or 9. We need at least 30 more ambassadors. We have about 15-20 new ones right now.
- A lengthy discussion about safety and security in light of the Boston Marathon bombing took place and Steve indicated we have to make sure everything is safe and be vigilant – but within reason. Steve and Phyllis will be meeting with the Mayor next week to discuss this.
- Steve discussed the Westside Entertainment District and the need to further strengthen ties with the restaurants and business adjacent to the venue.
- Steve indicated we need a new sign up on Mill Plain Road and the new web site ready to go.
- Steve reported that he attended the city budget meeting and it was uneventful.
- During a discussion about a possible benefit event for Newtown, Steve suggested adding United Way as an additional recipient of funds and the board agreed that if the event is held, the United Way will be among the recipients.
- Phyllis inquired about having the Friends of the Ives designate a set amount each year to fund the Fine Arts & Family series. Steve tabled discussion on this for now.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT: Phyllis Cortese

- Phyllis discussed the current "holds, and confirms.
- She indicated the office is getting many calls for patron assistance for the elderly. Content will be added to the website to address these kinds of questions.
- Phyllis indicated the need for more golf carts or shuttle buses to accommodate guests.
- There was a discussion about the negotiations with Linda Eder for a Fine Arts Series performance in regards to ticket price, possible underwriting by the university and what kind of access will be given to students.
- Phyllis asked Paul Reis about the university's position on increased security and he said he would be meeting with Roger Connor from the university police next week.
- Tony said he wants three or four security cameras installed at the site and will research.

- Phyllis indicated we plan to install a pad inside the reserved area to accommodate guests in wheelchairs. Paul Reis added that the path has been extended and paved to make mobility easier. The pad will not meet ADA compliance, but will be a significant improvement.
- Steve indicated that he does not want to have any large tents near the flagpole this year.
- Steve also said that Union Savings Bank will return as a sponsor, but most likely at a lower sponsorship level.
- Steve said he had spoken to Gene Enriquez about the possibility of assisting with sponsorship sales and all on the board were in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Anthony Vournazos

- Tony asked for a minor revision to February's minutes to include salary and bonus information for Phyllis and Sophia.
- Tony provided a recap of the balance sheet, accounts receivable and accounts payable.
- We will be purchasing about 150 new chairs and a new tent. We can pay these expenses and still be financially comfortable through the end of June with about \$40K remaining in the account after these purchases.
- Bob Connor has already started working to open the park.

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

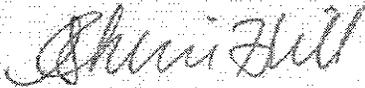
- Tanya mentioned United Way's "A Day of Caring" and that Ives will be a site to be used by Newtown Savings Bank for a full-day volunteer project.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

The next meeting is Wednesday, May 15.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Sherri Hill, Secretary