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CHARLES IVES AUTHORITY FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

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Minutes Board of Directors Meeting, February 20, 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 February 20, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 6:25 p.m. The members were recorded as:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steven Greenberg, Noel Roy Jr., Eileen Curran, Anthony Vournazos, Fernando Jimenez, Frank Herbert, Gina Marcus, Sherri Hill

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Ellen Cavallo-Bucciti, Brett DeWeese, Paul Reis,

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: After motion by Fernando Jimenez, seconded by Gina Marcus, the minutes from the previous meeting were unanimously approved after noting that a correction was made to the section concerning estimates for the roof of the gazebo.

GUEST SPEAKERS: Sandy Rankin and Dana Rawding from TS4NP

- A tutorial was provided for the board to demonstrate the file-sharing capabilities of the Ives Virtual Office.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Steve Greenberg

- Steve and Paul Reis met with the city and Peter Visentin from WCSU about the gazebo roof. Ives will work with WCSU and the city will release funds to Ives to pay for the repairs in this WCSU-managed project. Most likely, the City Engineer will have to determine if the building can hold the weight of a synthetic roofing material. The project will take place next fall and will take 5-6 weeks to complete.

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- Steve discussed the proposed slate for the Friends of the Ives. They include: Leslie Brent as chair, Sam Hyman as vice-chair, Linda Cummins as secretary, Steve as temporary Treasurer and Nancy Stein as board member. Gina Marcus and Noel Roy Jr. will be stepping off the board. Noel commented on how great the new slate will be.

APPROVAL OF SLATE: After motion by Tony Vournazos, seconded by Eileen Curran, the recommended slate of officers for the Friends of the Ives was unanimously approved.

- Steve said the Friends of the Ives Board needs more members, and requested Ives Board members suggest people who might be a good fit.
- Steve spoke about the phonathon that the Friends of the Ives will run, most likely in April. He also said we most likely won't re-run the vacation raffle, but added that last year's winner is going to Hawaii and is thrilled.
- Noel suggested the possibility of a 5K run from Whole Foods to Ives.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Anthony Vournazos

- Tony provided a recap of the balance sheet, accounts receivable and accounts payable and indicated we have a healthy surplus at this time, including almost \$81,000 in Ives accounts that should take us through June.
- Tony indicated the Nanavaty & Nanavaty audit is currently underway and the necessary 990 postcard has been filed for the Friends of the Ives account.
- The audit for the city is complete and we will sign off and send it to the city. Steve mentioned that Dave St. Hilaire thanked us for our fiscal responsibility.

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

MARKETING COMMITTEE REPORT: Eileen Curran

- The committee will be meeting next week to work on a survey, positioning statement and more.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT: Phyllis Cortese

- Phyllis discussed the current "holds," of which there are 19.
- The possibilities for a Sandy Hook benefit in May or June were outlined.
- Phyllis met with Linda Eder and Linda wants to perform this year at Ives with a masterclass as well. Fernando and Frank gave input as to student availability to participate in a masterclass, as well as the possible use of Ives Concert Hall for such an event in the fall. Discussion also centered on possibly having the Ives Festival Orchestra back Linda Eder.
- The WCSU theatre arts department will be staging "Alice in Wonderland" and Frank indicated that might be the children's production at Ives in July.
- The Connecticut Ballet wants to return, as do the Golden Dragon Acrobats.
- Sunday, Sept. 8, was discussed as a potential date for the 9/11 event.
- OnStage will sell ads for our program books
- The sponsor reception will be on Thursday, March 21.
- We have received a \$1,500 grant from Savings Bank of Danbury for the Garden Series.

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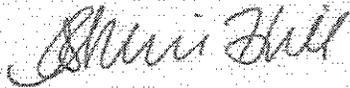
- Ellen mentioned a Big Band looking for a place to play and the board discussed letting them play at Ives.
- The Board approved compensation adjustments for Phyllis Cortese, Executive Director and Sophia Vournazos, Office Manager, by a unanimous vote. Steve and Tony will work with Phyllis on a new contract for 2013.

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On motion by Frank Herbert, seconded by Fernando Jimenez, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

The next meeting is Wednesday, March 20.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sherri Hill".

Sherri Hill, Secretary