



CHARLES IVES AUTHORITY FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS  
A Nonprofit Organization

Minutes Board of Directors Meeting, April 27, 2016

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 27, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:49 p.m. The members were recorded as:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Frank Herbert, Tanya Wulff Truax, Sherri Hill, John Voket, Brian McKenna (via teleconference)

ALSO PRESENT: Phyllis Cortese, Executive Director; Michael Cancellieri, potential board member; Julie Barone, potential office manager

GUEST ATTENDEE: Michael Cancellieri attended the meeting at the invitation of Frank Herbert. He discussed his background in advertising, marketing, wood working and the Peace Corps as a potential board

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT: Phyllis Cortese

- Phyllis asked Brian to report on Jazz@Lincoln Center. Brian said the Caramour contract most likely will be renewed, but he could possibly get Wayne Shorter and Joe Lovano to come to Ives in early-mid July. Jason at Lincoln Center had some great ideas – maybe artists who are playing at Lincoln Center could also play at Ives. Brian says he can develop a series with Jason, and will find out the budget and if it's even possible.
- Tanya stated that the Bridgeport Symphony Orchestra came to Newtown Savings Bank looking for funding and she pitched a partnership with Ives to them. They have a young director, Eric Jacobsen, and are interested in playing Ives. Sept. 25 may be an opportunity.

OFFICE MANAGER CANDIDATE MEETING:

- At 7:05 p.m., Julie Barone, the leading candidate for Sophia's vacated position, joined the meeting. Board members went around the table to introduce themselves and Julie discussed her background. An open question-and-answer session with the candidate followed, and lasted until 7:53 p.m., at which time she left the meeting room.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: After motion by Brian McKenna, seconded by Tanya Wulff Truax, the minutes from the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT (continued): Phyllis Cortese

- Phyllis reported that the art show is going really well and the work submitted is of great quality. The jurors are very pleased with the submissions. Now the work to promote the event to attendees begins.
- Phyllis reported on a positive conversation with Jordan Wallowicz at Founders Entertainment. He's really interested in Ives and will come walk the site.
- There also was a great meeting with Danny Melnick, and he loved the venue. Hopefully we will be able to work with him in the future. He is a producer, not a promoter. One proposal that came from the discussion was a children's folk festival.
- Brian asked if we could do Ives events at WCSU's Visual and Performing Arts Center to keep the brand going off-season. He will pursue in order to find out more.
- Phyllis met with Terrance Jack about the Reggae Festival returning. Terrance Jack may also bring a Jerk Festival in September. He wants to rent VPAC for a classic R&B show.
- Phyllis is talking to Danbury Hospital and the Buck Foundation to bring live music to the patients at Ann's Place.
- Frank said he met with Joanne Hunter regarding a mosaic mural for Ives. The time to create it would be free, but we would have to pay for the materials. The work would be created by the community and we would have it in the concession area. Sherri suggested that maybe we should wait until we could have a more permanent installation on or near the stage and after discussion, the board agreed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Tanya indicated that we need more board members. Frank asked each board member to try to come up with two names and to focus on lawyers, fundraisers and those connected with the arts. He said there should be another WCSU representative, but we should wait to see who the new dean of the School of Visual and Performing Arts will be.
- It was stated that Ives could possibly be self-funding for one or two shows.

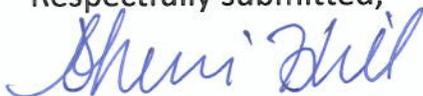
MOTION TO APPROVE HIRING OF JULIE BARONE: Upon motion by John Voket, seconded by Sherri Hill, the board voted unanimously to move forward with the hiring of Julie Barone to fill Sophia's vacated position.

MOTION TO PROPOSE NOMINATION OF MICHAEL CANCELLIERI TO THE BOARD: Upon motion by Frank Herbert, seconded by Gina Marcus, the board voted unanimously to propose that Michael Cancellieri be nominated as a candidate to join the Ives Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 18.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri Hill, Secretary