

Hiawatha Music Co-op
Monthly Board Meeting
8-9-2017

Present: Jose Garcia, Susan Bertram, Susan Divine, Erin Leahy Putvin, Pearl Taylor, Julie Foster-Lindquist, Katrina Keough, David Sprouse, Josh Thompson, Doug Kitchel

Absent: Michael Reed (excused)

Josh moved to accept the minute from June. Jose seconded the motion. Minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report – Doug Kitchel

Checking: \$86,663.85

Savings: \$25,105.13

Bell: \$74,057.88

Doug reported that there were 350 transactions since 6/1/2017! 124 checks written by Susan (thank you!) Susan balanced this week.

Big ticket withdrawals included \$2,200 for cash start up for fund trailer for festival and \$12,500 cash for volunteer reimbursements

Erin moved to accept the treasurer's report, subject to audit. Susan B. seconded. Treasurer's report accepted.

Bobby Glenn Brown visit/discussion

The Michigan Council for Arts grant offers a matching grant for "individual arts grants." The idea behind Bobby's performance will be something like "Duets with Bobby." Bobby is looking for a nonprofit that can benefit from his performance/show. Looking to develop a deeper interest in traditional music. This grant involves an "Exit Survey" that will question how this performance affects HMC/traditional music interest. There is \$2000 for marketing and publicity.

Through the MI Council of Arts, artists are more likely to impact the community when they work with local organizations.

Bobby proposes that:

- He would talk about the appreciation for traditional music, how he came to enjoy it.
- All of the performances in the show will be duets (based on the ramifications set out in the grant)
- He will be speaking in between acts with a historical and education base for the performances.
- Three performances are required.

HMC requests that there is no recorded music used in the performances (per HMC mission statement). We discussed involving the NMU HMC student chapter (preferably in the fall per Katrina's request involving her involvement). We discussed having one of the performance be during our Warm-Up Wednesday series. Finally, we discussed selling advanced tickets to these performances.

Pearl moved that HMC support and collaborate with Bobby for his grant through the MI Council for the Arts. Erin seconded. Motion passed.

Looking to have update from Bobby for October 11, 2017 board meeting.

Old Business

- Peter Yarrow concert review and financial report
 - Net Income: \$3,883.70 + \$2,675 in donations + \$220 in merchandise sales. In review, this was a positive collaboration with the city.
- Blackrocks Release party review

Still looking for numbers (next meeting). Nice party, was well attended.

- Ore Dock Hiawatha Kick off event review
Was packed, went pretty well. \$1000 in festival tickets were sold. Looking into hosting this each year, if possible.

4. Fourth of July Parade

Successful! Looking forward to next year. Thank you to Doug and all who put their efforts into making this successful.

New Business

- Upcoming Events
 - Free the Music Festival at Lakenenland this coming weekend. HMC sponsored traditional music portion – Sarah and Johnny, Mike Waite,
 - NMU Fall Festival – August 28th from 1-4pm, Katrina will have table for Student Chapter
 - Blues Festival – Labor Day weekend
 - Festival Committee Wrap Up meeting – Monday, Sept 18th Ore Dock, 5:30 potluck
 - Baraga Avenue Fall Festival – Saturday, October 7th
 - Fall Concert Oct 13, with Wayne Henderson and Helen White – Library, 7pm
Workshop Saturday Oct 14, 12:30-2pm with Library Jam to follow
 - Annual Meeting – Saturday, November 4th, Chasing Steel, venue tbd
 - GLCYD Fall Conference – October 12th, 8-5pm, \$65 per person,
 - Wheatland – Board exchange – Susan and Pearl will be attending.
 - Festival
 - preliminary budget report
 - outstanding repairs – large trailer brake line – est. \$360, golf cart repair, tbd
 - Grant and donations received list
 - Tent placement review, Remind notification, Friday Campground Ushers, Fiddle the Frog,
 - overall review of Festival
- *Jose moved that money budgeted not spent by main stage and for children's area carry over into next year.
Josh seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Events: The preliminary events committee budget was presented.

Directors Report –

-Fall schedule was discussed.
-Susan requested that the board consider paying for the extra camping for specific, heavily involved volunteers (set-up, electric, musician's cafe, etc.)
-There are nine people on the 40th Anniversary Committee. They met on August 16.
-There will be forty trees planted on NMU property for Hiawatha's 40th anniversary, possibly on Earth Day 2018
Consent Agenda: The following Board actions were put to vote via electronic vote since last Board meeting:
Board Action – June 20, 2017 – Five (5) votes yes to approve final draft of Festival Lost Child Protocol.
Board Action – June 27, 2017 – Three (3) votes yes, Three (3) votes no, with an abundance of discussion on Millennial Mania question about someone taking advantage of the sale this week who previously purchased a ticket. Executive committee discussion resulted in going with “no” votes.
Board Action – July 10, 2017 – Seven (7) votes yes to approve electrical repair of \$500 to damaged conductor and corroded neutral lug.
Board Action – July 19, 2017 – Three (3) votes no to spend money on drone filming with Bradley Nelson this year at the Festival.
Board Action – August 8, 2017 – Four (4) votes yes to send some of the balance of the Jayme Stone Folklife performer fee, \$1,000. (partial was paid due to Jayme Stone cancellation)

Next board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 13.

Jose moved to adjourn at 7:30. David seconded. Motion passed.

-Minutes respectfully submitted by Erin Leahy Putvin on 9-11-2017