

## Meeting Minutes

Date: 5/14/2025

Meeting Start: 6:30 PM

Attendance:

- Executive Director: Candice Blackstone-Larson
- Board Members Virtual: David Wood, Melinda Britton, Luke Guindon, Julie Foster-Lindquist, Susan Bertram, Tom Dummer, Ann Fisher
- Joined Remotely: Dick Pierson, Louise Anderson
- Absent: Lee Ossenheimer
- ● Approval of Previous Minutes
  - **Approved by: Ann Fisher**
    - **Seconded by: Melinda Britton**

## Financial Reports

- Bell Financial
  - \$ 107,305.25
- Business Checking
  - \$ 12,266.90
- Grant Business Checking
  - \$ 19,458.09 (-13,838 semi trailer is reflected)
- Business Money Market
  - \$ 105,945.09
- 12 month CD for \$100,000 at Incredible Bank
  
- **Treasurer's Financial Report Approval**
  - **Motion to approve: Ann Fisher**
    - **Seconded by: Sue Bertram**

## Old Business

- Budget
  - So far this year, the working budget numbers have been coming in under the estimated yearly budget expenses
- New Board Orientation
  - Completed in April
- Water Is Life Festival
  - Hiawatha was a sponsor and the festival was a success
- Trailers
  - Lee is working on trailers
    - Plans are underway to transport the HMC semi trailer to Dead River storage within the next month. Coordination is in progress with the main stage team to handle the transfer of equipment from the current trailer to the new trailer. In addition, a separate team will be organized to move tables and chairs into the new trailer before the festival. The trailers have not yet been registered or licensed, but that will be addressed in the coming weeks when Lee is able to find the time.

- Insurance
  - Candice is waiting for one more quote before presenting all of the options, likely at the next board meeting in June
- Aloompa App
  - We have decided not to pursue at this time after the cost estimate of roughly \$4000
- Email - [Hiawathamusic.org](http://Hiawathamusic.org) domain
  - Board-specific email accounts are being created for certain positions to ensure better record-keeping and facilitate smoother transitions for future board members.

## New Business

- Hiawatha Bike
  - Schwinn women's bike was donated to become an item in the raffle
  - The board is tabling a motion to increase raffle ticket costs to \$5 until more discussions can be had with the raffle volunteers.
- Board T-Shirt Sizes
  - Sizes were collected for board t-shirts that will be worn at the festival
- Flooring Pieces stored at Pearl's
  - Lee Ossenheimer was able to give away the lumber flooring pieces that were in poor condition in an effort to dispose of them
- Charitable Solicitation Registration IRS 990
  - Expires 7/31 and requires 30 days for processing
    - Requiring the 990 to be completed before Charitable Solicitation Registration
- Lullaby Project
  - The Lullaby project with Evan Premo will be held at The Fold and the Hiawatha logo will be used on the advertising on June 6th
- Music Selection Committee proposal to get approval for some funds in order to book some performers for 2026 festival.
  - **Dick Pierson makes a motion: To authorize the Music Selection Committee to spend up to 50% of the previous year's budget for the purpose of booking performers for the upcoming year's festival**
    - **Seconded by: David Wood**
    - **All in favor**
- Request to move Gospel to the Main Stage
  - To preserve up close and intimate musical experience that is associated with the Dance Tent, the board is in agreement to keep Gospel Hour at the Dance Tent
  - **Ann Fisher makes a motion: Having considered the suggestion from the music selection committee that we move gospel to the main stage, the board affirms its decision to keep the gospel hour at the second stage**
    - **Seconded by: Sue Bertram**
    - **Dick Pierson opposed**



- \$3000 awarded for Master Artist Series
- Marquette Rotary West Grant
  - Submitted and received for \$500
  - Submitted for \$500 for 2026 as well
    - Went to their breakfast last week and said thank you for the sponsorship for this years Kids concert, invited them all to festival, went over the new grant application that our kids concert was going to tie in with World Art Day so families can enjoy hands-on art (5–8 pm), explore ukuleles (5–6 pm), and hear live music (6–8 pm). Volunteerism and exploring art as a business will also be highlighted featuring area organization booths (Kiwanis welcome). Celebrate “World Art Day” on April 15th with creativity, music, and community spirit!
- Hirvonen Foundation Grant
  - Submitting for \$2500, due the end of this month
- Superior Health Foundation Grant
  - Submitting for Medical Grant
- General Newsletter going out next week

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Events Committee
  - Schools are scheduled for Master Artist - Neal Woodard - Michigan Troubadour 10/16-10/18
  - Last drawing is coming up
  - June 23rd Art week is coming up with a concert with multiple local artists at 6 PM at the Marquette Commons
  - July 3rd 6 PM - 8 PM Beer release at Black Rocks Brewery with Cold Springs Band
  - July 10th 6 PM - 8 PM Pre-fest concert and last day of advanced ticket sales at Ore Dock Brewery
  - July 11th 6 PM - 7:30 PM kids parade at Lower Harbor Park with instrument making, songs, and parade with Frank Youngman
  - October 16th-19th Neid Woodard (Michigan troubadour) Concerts in schools, a Hiawatha Fold concert, and workshops
  - November 1st annual member meeting
- Membership Committee
  - Met once to get started
  - Luke Guindon wrote up orientation guide for first time festival attendees
  - Considering an idea for meet and greet at the festival for members
- Fundraising
  - Met today to come up with sponsorship plans going forward
  - Anne would like to come up with fundraising proposals for the new trailer for festival
- Music Selection Committee
  - Dick Pierson and the Music Selection Committee has done a great job this year and all 2025 festival acts have been booked

**Melinda Britton has a proposal: To pay for spotify premium (ad free) for the Hiawatha Spotify account**

- **Ann Fisher seconds the motion**
  - **All in favor**

Next Board Mtg – June 11th 2025

**Motion to Adjourn Meeting**

- **Motion by: Ann Fisher**
- **Seconded by: Julie Foster-Lindquist**

**Meeting Ended: 8:26 PM**