

Hiawatha Music Co-op
Board Meeting
9-10-2014

Present: Mike Fitzpatrick, Lee Ossenheimer, Susan Bertram, Susan Divine, Jesse Luttenton, Doug Kitchel, Gene Bertram, Erin Leahy Putvin

Absent: Julie Foster-Lindquist (excused), Katrina Keough (excused), Heidi Stevenson

Mike moved to accept the meeting minutes from August. Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Financial Report

Wells Fargo Checking and Savings: \$39,919.61

Bell Financial: \$67,700.42

Total: \$107,620.03

Gene moved to accept the financial report. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried.

-This number is about \$3000 from last year. Some impacting factors were: rent increase, increase in Director's pay, board retreat, and no money made at Annual Meeting.

-Due to Steve's resignation, Doug would like to request an interim treasurer. Jesse will temporarily fill in the position.

-Doug is interested in seeing a long-term (5-10 year) graph as well as an annual graph of finances, in the future.

-Revised festival report was presented. It shows a \$600 difference from last month's report. Susan reviewed the year-end account summary report from 2009-2013. This was followed by varied discussion about this report.

Old Business

Board insurance: Respond to Director and Officer Insurance, choose 1 year option or 3 year option. \$2 million insurance is about \$1200. It was questioned whether there is a fee difference between the two options. Jesse moved to pay for the three year policy with an annual pay schedule (pending no fee). Gene seconded. Motion carried.

Annual Meeting Planning: The Ore Dock is available on Saturday, Nov.1. There has been a policy change, and the private meeting has to be held before 5 p.m. Anyone underage without a guardian has to leave at 9 p.m. Donation jars may be placed at the doors, but no cover may be charged. May have membership table at entrance. There is a \$500 food budget. We discussed the timing of the actual meeting (3:30-5, in order to be private). We plan to offer local music (or possibly an open mic) from 5:30-7, door prizes, then open donations and headlining band (8p.m.-12a.m.). Susan Bertram will work to get the music confirmed by Friday. She will email the program when it's available. Doug requested that the Augusta Scholarship recipients perform.

Mike moved to accept Susan's proposal for the 2014 Annual Meeting. Jesse seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Strategic Planning Meeting: scheduled for Monday, Sept. 29, 2014. Will review a list of goals for the upcoming year.

Committee Updates

Music: Music committee will meet as early as Sept. 18th. Preliminaries are in motion. Many recommendations are being reviewed.

Land Acquisition: The land adjacent to Gitchee Gumee (5 acres) looks interesting. Drawbacks: there are many steep cliffs above the lake and the property needs a lot of work.

Beaumier Center Exhibit: Sept. 27 at 1 p.m. is the opening. There will be beer and a band.

ASCAP: Communication with Paul Marin has been established, waiting on answer before payment is made.

NMU Chapter HMC: NMU chapter has asked HMC for a \$100 donation toward a performance by Sarah and Clancy. Susan responded by asking Emily to find out about NMU funds. The board would like Emily to make a presentation at a board meeting for situations like this. The board needs to set up a protocol for advance situations. Mike moved to fund this event with an original offer to pay \$50 and NMU match \$50. If they are unable to pay \$50, HMC will pay the \$100 with the stipulation that for future events there be an advance written proposal and a board presentation to request funds. Lee seconded. Motion carried: 1 nay, 5 yea.

Director's Report

-Gail Kristofferson (sp?), a vendor from this year's festival has presented an idea for a grant to do a HMC mosaic. She and Susan brainstormed ideas. She is requesting that we write the grant. Discussion followed. In the future, a board presentation would be optimal.

-Website sales. The board discussed adding membership and merchandise to the website. Mike moved that membership be added to the website. Doug seconded. Motion carried.

-On October 19 at the Unitarian Universalist Church, Susan Werner will host her "I'm sorry the onion hit your face" Concert.

-Susan D. reports that there may be a change in traffic. A small committee will be formed to review, problem-solve, and plan. Plan should be done by February.

-Susan is requesting board member to meet with Andrew MacGuyver and Jon Swenson this Thursday at 2:30 at the Parks and Rec. office.

-Jeff Baker will be in marquette for the festival meeting on Monday Sept. 15. He will move the trailer at the Women's Center. An idea to request in-kind parking donation for increase annual donation to the Women's Center, next year, was discussed.

Jesse moved to adjourn at 7:10. Lee seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Erin Leahy Putvin on 9-30-2014