

## Minutes

### PACRC Board

01/17/19

Present: Kristol McKie, Dennyce Korb, David L'Esperance, Kirsten Hollenbeck, Vera Kowal, Peter Cappa, Eric Pickar, Malcom Chapman; also present Executive Director Nick Johnson.

Absent: Angie McKie, Steve Flanery, Lisa Modrick, Anna Huntington, Holly Godber, Valerie Simpson, Kumar Veluswamy, Amy Policky

Meeting called to order by President K. McKie at 8:06 a.m. A quorum was not present at the start of the meeting.

Pete moved approval of the December meeting minutes. Eric seconded.

Pete gave the financial report. In some places where the income has not been there as per budget, the expenses have also not been there, so overall our financial position is good. Eric moved approval of the financial report, Vera seconded.

At this time (8:10 a.m.) Malcom Chapman joined the meeting. Nick gave his Executive Director's report. He reported that Dr. Charles Gwinn recently passed away. Dr. Gwinn has been a faithful donor to the PAC and BHCT, and the PAC and a few other arts non-profits will receive the remainder of his IRA. Nick will be working on determining the exact value of the gift and suggested that \$5,000 of the amount be put in our general operating fund. Nick reported that the December fundraising letter did really well, and the Take-Your-Seat campaign is also doing well. We need to sell 2-1/2 seats per month to make budget in this campaign. Malcom and Pete stated they would both buy a seat, and Malcom will work on selling seats. At this point (8:15 a.m.) Kirsten Hollenbeck joined the meeting and a quorum is now present.

Motion to approve the minutes was voted upon and passed. Motion to approve the financial report was voted upon and passed.

Nick stated that obtaining sponsorships for the Family Series has been more difficult this year but some are continuing to come in. The first of the shows in the series will be January 26, DreamWarriors. Nick will be taking these folks to Pine Ridge to do an entire day of programming there. Thus far we have had no success in getting any donations of hotel rooms from LIV Hospitality.

Nick mentioned that Val Simpson suggested that the development committee sit down with some of our biggest donors and solicit their advice about development and investment.

Attendance at December events was very good, including two sold out concerts for the BHSO. There are quite a few events in February, March is a bit lighter, but April is extremely busy and there is a lot of activity coming up in May as well.

Kristol stated that the Development and Endowment Committees will be coming together rather than being two separate committees.

Kristol reported that the pop-up committee has begun meeting and planning for the 2019 pop-up party. The date will be July 26, 2019. A theme has been identified and a possible venue has been discussed.

We have not heard anything from the City regarding our Vision Fund application. Announcements of funding will be made January 31st.

The Strategic Planning Summary still needs to be finalized. Nick will meet with Pam to finalize goals, vision and mission.

The Governor's Arts Awards are Tuesday, February 12th in Pierre. Nick and Kristol are both attending. Ron Reed was nominated by Anna Marie Thatcher and will be receiving an award.

Malcom reported that he recently had a long conversation with the Mayor about the arts. He mentioned that he feels it would be helpful if you see the mayor periodically, to just take the opportunity to educate him a little more about the value of the arts in this community. Kristol suggested that it may be helpful to come before the Council and the School Board for a 5-minute presentation just to reinforce the value of the arts in the community.

David gave a report for the Shrine of Democracy chorus. The next event they are working on is singing valentines, and their big show on May 12 will have a theme centered around Disney songs. Maelstrom is a guest quartet that will be joining them for the show. A big change in the Barbershop philosophy is that they are now welcoming anyone who wants to sing in harmony, including women. There are a couple of women singing now with the Shrine of Democracy chorus.

Kirsten reported that they had two concerts in December, both of which were sold out in spite of inclement weather. This weekend is the Young Artist Competition at the First United Methodist Church, and the winner will play with the BHSO at their concert on March 2nd. This is the 40th anniversary of that competition, and the winner of the first competition will be playing with the symphony, and all past winners will be invited and will be recognized at the concert. BHSO did their 4th grade concert and had a very enthusiastic audience.

Nick reported that BHCT is opening Crimes of the Heart next Friday. The next play is The Full Monty. There is brief nudity in one scene, not full frontal nudity. Auditions for BHCT's play reading series will be this coming Sunday. Cherry Street Players new semester starts next Monday.

Kirsten moved that the meeting adjourn. Erick seconded the motion. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennyce Korb