

WILL COUNTY METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION AND AUDITORIUM AUTHORITY

Date: January 22, 2020

Authority Memo Number **001-2020 January 22, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes**

The January 22, 2020 regular meeting of the Will County Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority Board was held at 15 E. Van Buren Street, Joliet, Illinois 60432. Chairman Bob Filotto called the meeting to order at 4:03 P.M. with a quorum present; Board members, staff and the public were invited to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present: Tim Broderick, Donnie Chestnutt, Jane Condon, Bob Filotto, Jeff Pierson, Kathy Trizna and Council Liaison Pat Mudron

Note: (Tom Osterberger's resignation resulted in an open gubernatorial slot ending December 1, 2019.)

Others: Legal Counsel David Silverman, Mahoney, Silverman, Cross Law Firm;

Staff: Kathleen Arko, Val Devine, Jack Ericksen, Jan Gilligan, Karen Leno, Christine Sturm, Rebecca Sweeney and others, as available.

The Chair acknowledged Jan Gilligan's employment at the Rialto Square Theatre, initially with the WCMEAA beginning in March 1995, followed by her employment with VenuWorks since April 2017. A basket of assorted plants was presented to her and signed by Board and staff. Christine Sturm will serve as recording secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Authority Memo Number **001-2020 October 23, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Motion: Chestnutt moved and Pierson seconded approval of October 23, 2019 as presented. (December meeting minutes were available, but office staff determined it best to submit only October minutes.)

Discussion and Vote: The Chair invited discussion and, hearing none, he called a voice vote: Ayes were heard. The Chair invited opposing votes; none was expressed. The Chair declared the motion passed.

Public to be Heard Re: Agenda Items – No response.

Authority Memo Number **002-2020 January Operational Bills Paid and Payable**

Motion: Chestnutt moved and Condon seconded approval of accounts paid in the amount of \$342,001.68 and payable in the amount of \$12,695.55.

AYES: Members Broderick, Chestnutt, Condon, Pierson, Trizna and Filotto

NAYS:

Discussion and Vote: The Chair thanked Leno for combining the Board packet in one email. In his review of checks, the Chair noted he found no new vendors. In response to the inquiry, Devine said Kinzler Janitorial Services has performed well. The Chair invited questions and/or corrections.

Hearing none, he requested a motion and, with the motion on the floor, directed roll be called. Motion passed unanimously (see above).

Authority Memo Number **003-2020 December Financial Statements** – To Place on File

Motion: Chestnutt moved and Condon seconded acceptance of financial statements into the minutes.

Discussion and Vote: The Chair noted the total income year-to-date is approximately \$200,000 greater than budget; however the net ordinary income is \$140,000 better than budget. The Chair asked if there were questions regarding the balance sheet; none was asked. The Chair said the work staff undertook during the last quarter was remarkable. The Chair requested a motion and, with the motion on the floor, invited a voice vote. Ayes were heard; the Chair then invited opposing votes. No comments were made. The Chair declared the motion passed.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

RST Foundation: Condon gave a brief review of the results of the Home for the Holidays events for the Foundation (See December 18 meeting detail.). Ericksen announced that the Foundation Board will meet in February; the Foundation is considering another fundraiser in Spring or early summer. Home for the Holidays was a tremendous event with receipts of over \$92,000 raised. ▪ Ericksen reported the following movies have been selected for the 2020 Season: Bridesmaids, The Godfather, A Star Is Born, The Greatest Showman, Grease, Uncle Buck, The Sandlot, Casablanca, Toy Story 4, and Hocus Pocus. ▪ Arko reported the New York theatre trip was sold out. ▪ At Condon's invitation, Lichtenauer noted that Nick Thomas, the director of the Home for the Holidays opening event, brought a 105 member choir in at no cost, as well as a 13 piece orchestra to the stage at no cost to the Theatre, as a Hinsdale Church supported the orchestra costs and the Moraine Valley Community Foundation created and donated the event program. ▪ The Bridal Event was much less crowded than last year's Event. There were more people in attendance and vendors were pleased to have more time with potential clients.

Executive Director's Report: Devine reported that in December 27 ticketed events totaled 24,804 tickets. Staff: Devine introduced Rebecca Sweeney as Marketing Manager, and announced that Ed Krzanik has joined staff as an Operating Engineer. Devine asked Arko to report on the status of the contract awarded for doors and locks. Arko said the doors will be more expensive than expected, therefore she will attempt to obtain a larger grant from the Illinois Arts Council offers State Grants. ▪ Devine reported that she is looking into the possibility of collaborating with USF in the 2020—21 Season on a show.

Board Chair: The Chair brought up the matter of sending funds to influencers in Springfield. He said he would be willing to fulfill the original commitment, but he thinks it should be reconsidered at the end of our initial participation, which could terminate in May. The Chair said it could be put on the February agenda. There was some speculation about whether the funds would have to be maintained over time. Pierson agreed that it should be continued at this time. Arko said she would be open to asking if the influencers would accept a lower fee.

Council Liaison Mudron: Mudron reported that he had addressed James Ghedotte and Devine had followed up with Ghedotte relatively soon thereafter.

Public to Be Heard: Evans and Lichtenauer spoke about dedicated funding in order for theatre staff to prepare for the emergencies that can befall buildings nearing 100 years old.

Adjournment:

Motion: Broderick moved and Trizna seconded adjournment.

The Chair called a voice vote. There were no dissenting votes; the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:52 P.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jan Gilligan, Recording Secretary.

Kathy Trizna, Board Secretary

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