

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

November 20, 2013

Querney's Office Plus

Present:, K. Young, G. Haddad, M. Dorreen, D. Petryna, J. Querney, D. Cattapan, C. Leonard, V. Jacobs, G. Babij, J. Rodriguez, J. Arrowsmith

Regrets: G. McCausland

1. Call to order

Meeting was called to order by D. Petryna at 5:15 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

D. Petryna advised that the Executive had met in advance of the Board of Directors Meeting, and would be reporting as matters arose.

Motion: To approve Agenda of November 20, 2013 Board Meeting.

Moved by: J. Querney

Seconded by: J. Rodriguez

Carried

3. Approval of Minutes of October 10, 2013 Board Meeting

Motion: To approve the minutes of the October 10 2013 Board meeting.

Moved by: J. Rodriguez

Seconded by: J. Querney

Carried

4. Executive Director's Report

D. Cattapan presented the written Executive Director's Report of the November 20, 2013 Board Meeting.

Administratively, we continue to look for alternative performance and/or office space. All Nations has been proposed as an option, but will revisit in a year.

D. Cattapan has met with a commercial leasing agent. Office space is available; however, funding may be an issue.

Other concert issues were discussed. The October concert did not meet the anticipated budget. Film rights have been secured for The Bear at the Christmas concert. Sales for both the matinee and evening concert are proceeding well. G. Haddad mentioned the pre-concert MC at the October concert. Speaking points were limited to 2.5 minutes; this was seen as positive.

Cello auditions have been cancelled due to Christian Robinson's absence. The Musician Policy has been generally well received.

The Red Violin was discussed. Overall, the evening was not as financially successful as hoped. This was due, in part, to high catering and event hosting fees. D. Cattapan reported that there had been increased online interest as a result of the event.

D. Cattapan has met with Bryston's to discuss the Gala. She would like each board member to donate a bottle of wine for the raffle. J. Arrowsmith will speak to the Executive Director about ensemble performers.

Other potential special events include a concert version of Les Miserables in December, 2014. Would require approximately 15 musicians, and would be a coproduction with YES Theatre.

Other items included discussions with Ontario Arts Council. D. Cattapan requested travel assistance (\$200) for upcoming January Orchestras Canada meeting. Request was approved.

Motion: To approve Executive Director's Report of the October 10, 2013 Board Meeting.

Moved by: G. Haddad

Seconded by: J. Querney

Carried

5. Treasurer's Report

G. Babij presented the written Treasurer's Report of the November 20, 2013 Board Meeting.

Primary discussion related to significant financial difficulties facing the SSO. Ticket sales and other income have been much less than budgeted, and a loss is forecast.

Discussion about strategies related to change of venue, increasing attendance, decreasing costs, programming expenses and scheduling. D. Cattapan and G. Babij stressed that many costs were already fixed; we are operating on a bare bones budget.

Motion: To approve the Treasurer's Report of the November 20, 2013 Board Meeting.

Moved by: G. Haddad

Seconded by: J. Querney

Carried

6. Other Committees

- a. Planning:** V. Jacobs presented a process outline. Chuck Jacobs may attend December Board Meeting to address the first few items on the process outline. The Board approved of the process outline in principle.

Motion: That the Planning Committee report of the November 20, 2013 Board Meeting be approved.

Moved by: M. Dorreen

Seconded by: G. Haddad

Carried

7. Next Meeting – December 19, 2013

8. Adjournment.

Motion: That the Adjournment of the Board Meeting of November 20, 2013 at 6:35 p.m. be approved.

Moved by: M. Dorreen

Seconded by: G. Haddad

Carried