

Proposed Development/Programs/Events Minutes

September 9, 2015

Voting members present: Nancy Stearns, Rex Henderson, Jan McCarthy, Jim Burge, Pat Keeley, MaryAnn Bardi, Ellia Sliwiak, Terry LaRosa, Dan Saxe, David Rowlands, Neil Smith, Evelyn Bless and Eve Hanna. Staff present: Richard Haerther, Paul Berg, Adrienne Hutelmyer and Nancy Kirkpatrick

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rex Henderson at 2:55 PM. The minutes were approved on a motion by Dan Saxe and a second by Neil Smith. Time Certain for this meeting is 3:45 PM.

Paul handed out Conflict of Interest forms to the non-board members of the committee to be signed by those individuals as required by the IRS. In recognition of Jim Burge's dedication to the cultural center since its inception it has been suggested that he be honored by holding a 2 day event known as The Jim Burge Jazz Festival. Jim agrees and accepts the honor. April is National Jazz Month and a date in 2016 will be selected that does not conflict with other regional and annual jazz events.

Richard Haerther, Artistic Director, reports that CCC member Chris Hugues has formed a brass quintet that will begin performing at the Center. A Dixieland band will begin performing as well. Richard addressed the Artistic Guidelines and indicated that the performances at the Center are shifting from featured to regional artists. He asked that up to a \$3,500 featured entertainment fee be approved by the sub-committee (Haerther, Berg, Henderson & Burge) for time sensitive featured events. Richard and Paul will provide a written proposal of said process at the October meeting. Richard also indicated that Motown featured entertainment will return to the Center on June 23, 2016 with "Women of Motown".

Paul handed out event summaries for the May through August programs. Jesse & Noah Bellamy, ShanaBanana, Liz Pennock & Dr. Blues, Strings in the Spring and The Wizard of Oz were all negative revue productions.

Ellia Sliwiak handed out the Author's Corner Series Guidelines. It was noted that two local merchants Barnes & Noble and Book Swap already have local authors programs in place. After much discussion it was decided that the sub-committee needs to provide answers to such questions as to structure, who gets paid, who gets invited, points of contact, where the program fits best and finally the goals of the Author's Corner Series. Paul suggested a possible Book Festival.

Paul passed out a first draft of the 2016 Budget, the committee needs to review for discussion at the October meeting. He also discussed the need to form sub-committees as the current committee is getting too large to operate efficiently. Some of those committees would include literary, MAS Community Theater, fund raising, education and development and others.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM. Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 14th at 3PM.

Submitted by Nancy Stearns

