



Overture Center Foundation
Board of Directors
Wednesday, September 25, 2019
4 – 5:30 PM
Wisconsin Studio

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MINUTES

Present: Shawn Guse, Betty Custer, Charlie Saeman, Joe Sensenbrenner, Katie Dowling-Marcus, John Grande, Roberta Gassman, Anna Burish, Linda O'Hern, Bryan Chan, Julie Marriott, Missy Tracy, Dianne Christensen, Jim Matras, Mike Verveer, Jonathan Lipp

Absent Excused: Pablo Sanchez, John Surdyk, Greg Dombrowski, Ana Hooker, Dan Kuehn, Hanah Jon Taylor

Action Items:

1. Distribute and collect Conflict of Interest Statement – Ugrcic
 2. Distribute and collect Mentorship form - Ugrcic
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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4PM. A quorum was present.

Period of Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Consent Agenda approval

- Minutes of August 27th, 2019
- Chair's Report
- President's Report

Custer/Dowling-Custer motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed on a voice vote. All in favor.

Governance Committee

Saeman introduced new documents in the package:

- Conflict of Interest statement
- Mentorship form

Election of new directors:

- Lynette Fons
- Sarah Marty
- Oscar Mireles
- Everett Mitchell
- Frank Peregrine
- James Yehle

Saeman/Gassman motion to approve these 6 candidates for the next three years role as a Board of Directors. Motion passed on a voice vote. All in favor.

Leaving Directors acknowledgment:

- Dianne Christensen
- Linda O'Hern
- Dan Kuehn
- Jeff Mack
- Telisa Yancy

Election of new officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer):

- Betty Custer – nomination for the Chair of the Board
- Pablo Sanchez – nomination for the Vice Chair of the Board
- Anna Hooker – nomination for the Secretary of the Board
- John Surdyk – nomination for the Treasurer

Saeman/Sensenbrenner motion to approve the afore mentioned slate of officers. Motion passed on a voice vote. All in favor.

Report from the Community Advisory Board – Dane Crim

The Community Advisory Board worked with the Overture staff to create the evaluation tool for the Overture shows one of them being International Festival. Community Ticket program will be next. Two subcommittees were formed to worked on the:

1. Diversity statement for the Overture Center
2. Ho-Chunk Landmark Acknowledgment

Ho-Chunk Land Acknowledgment statement was presented to the Board:

Acknowledging Ho-Chunk Nation's ancestral lands, Overture Center for the Arts celebrates the rich traditions, heritage, and culture that thrived long before our arrival. Overture respectfully recognizes this Ho-Chunk land and affirms that we are better when we stand together.

Guidelines for Use:

The Land Recognition Statement is recommended for use at all Overture Center events especially before performances and where Overture will be offering welcoming comments, including meeting agendas. Used on letterhead and programs.

Gassman/Matras motion to approve the statement as presented. Motion assed on a voice vote. All in favor.

Report from the Resident Company Advisory Board – Jen Gray

The subcommittee was formed in order to work on the lease negotiation. It is a wonderful and collaborative work, and things are moving ahead. The Resident Organizations appreciate everything Overture is doing to support the audience experience.

Two issues were pointed out:

1. Parking lot - all the organizations have the same problem and fear of losing patrons
2. Equity and Inclusion - all organizations are dedicating more time on the Equity and Inclusion. There is still room for the improvement and collaboration with Overture.

Presentation and Approval of the Independent Auditor's Report – Debbie

The audit team from BDO (formerly Smith & Gesteland) presented the consolidated financial statements for June 30, 2019. The audit went very smoothly thanks to the work of the finance team. Two documents were presented and distributed:

1. Auditor's Financial Statements (Year ended June 30, 2019 and 2018)
2. Audit Wrap-up document

Seaman/Sensenbrenner motion to approve the audit as presented. Motion passed on a voice vote. All in favor.

President's Report

Gajic reports that this was wonderful year and there is a lot to be proud of. Overture presented 34 shows with 21 new companies and are nearing 300,000. experiences.

Adjourn

Gassman/Burish motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:06 PM. Motion passed on a voice vote. All in favor.

Upcoming events and dates to note:

- Create Today Workshops – Monday and Tuesday, October 7th and 8th
- Development Committee – Wednesday, October 10th at 9 AM
- Finance Committee – Monday, October 21st at 8 AM
- Executive Committee – Thursday, October 31st at 4 PM
- Capital Fund Cabinet – Monday, November 4th at 3:30 PM
- TRG Workshop – Wednesday, October 13 at 9 AM
- Finance Committee – Monday, November 18th at 8 AM
- Governance Committee – Thursday, November 21st at 9:30 AM
- Board of Directors – Tuesday, November 26th at 4 PM