



Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Mon., Nov. 12, 2018 at Noon, Upstairs Meeting Room at the Municipality of South Huron

Present: John Miller, Aimee Rau, Kimberley Payne, Jean Jacobe, Catherine Weber, Paul Ciufo.

Regrets: Aaron Neeb, Dave Frayne.

1. Welcome & Call To Order.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Approval of Minutes.
- 4. Artistic Advisor Report, John Miller.**

*John reported on the venue tour taken by him and Paul Ciufo after the last board meeting. He was “really taken” with the Exeter United Church as a venue. Aimee Rau cautioned that it is not air conditioned and gets very hot. Other venues toured: Trivitt Memorial Anglican Church, the South Huron Rec Centre community room, and the MacNaughton Trail/Morrison Dam Conservation Authority (for outdoor presentations).

*John handed out a sheet entitled “What the Board does” outlining the expectations for the Board of Directors: Build the Treasury; Strengthen the Board Membership; Appoint an Administrator; Make decisions about the name, identity, duration, etc. (the basic nature of) the Festival; Develop a Budget; Support the artistic and administrative personnel to achieve a successful festival; Build community relations (a Friends of the Festival group would be significant).

*A fundraiser was discussed, late Feb./early March featuring a Toronto ensemble “Whiskey Jack” presenting songs/stories about Stompin’ Tom, hosted at the Rec Centre.

*As requested Aimee Rau put forward some potential new names for the festival. Two leading contenders:

The Huron Bach & Beyond Festival; and The Huron Waves Music Festival

*John presented some programming ideas for a festival that would run Thurs. – Sun. the first two weeks of May, 2019. Some ideas include: instruction in area schools by Cadence (acapella quartet, Setphane Tetreault (plays a cell worth \$10 million), TorQ Percussion Ensemble. Evening concerts by Cadence, Countertenor Madness, Daniel Taylor's Theatre of Early Music, Shaun Brodie and the Queer Songbook Orchestra, Schola Magdalena, London Symphonia, Wow Factor A Cinderella Story, the Bicycle Opera Project. The finale would be "The Night of the Choirs" with local choirs, London Symphonia, and could perform Beethoven pieces including Ode to Joy.

Dates to consider: South Huron Community Choir has a concert on Sun., May 5; Mother's Day is Sun., May 12.

5. Report by Kim Payne, re: office space. Kim spoke with Pat O'Rourke and is looking into a couple of potential sites, i.e. the former Barber Shop across from the liquor store in Exeter, and part of the Ranch House Inn (the part that was a pizzeria).
6. Old Business
7. New Business.
8. Comments, Announcements, Correspondence
9. Adjournment.

Next meeting date: _Mon., Dec. 3, 2018 @ noon @ the municipality_____