

GRSA Board Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2016 – 5pm

Present: Martin Birnbaum, Karen Campbell, Anna Cavinato, Cheryl Hudson, Mary Koza, Pam Moore, Patty Sandoz, Roxanna Swann, Kathy Thimmes and Alice Trindle

Not present: Dale Lauritzen, Amber Martell, April Simpson and Keith Van Vickie

Patty passed out several papers, including one for committee sign-ups.

Anna gave an **auction report**. The food, auctioneer and entertainment for this year's auction are all set up. She will need to know about the number of tickets sold, by this Friday, September 16th. Advertising was discussed. Anna discussed 6 points.

1. Number of tickets sold – This influences the cost of the meals and how many people will be able to bid.
2. Alcohol issue – Pouring and license, needed. Alice has lined up Echo Ridge to donate 2 cases of wine to GRSA. That's 24 bottles with an estimated value of \$550. She's also lined up 1/6 barrels (40 pints) of beer from Barley Browns with an estimated value of \$240. We would purchase and they'd make a donation to cover the expense, or they give us growlers the night before. It was decided to take the Barley Browns growlers. Martin will pick them up. Karen will try to get three servers from the Country Club to volunteer as servers.
3. What should we use for glasses? Anna said that she thinks plastic glasses are acceptable for beer, but that wine should be drunk from glassware. Karen moved that the wine should be drunk from glass glasses and Pam seconded. Motion passed.
4. Auction items need to be brought in and sorted into silent and oral items.
5. Need to meet at the Friendship Center on Friday/ Kathy will bring some black table cloths. We will seat 8 per table. (This was later changed to 6 per table). Patty will line up red and yellow flowers for the table centerpieces. She says we need the committee needs to meet, soon.
6. Lorna has requested time to speak. Also, time should be given for guests to honor her. Patty says the GRSA should honor Lorna and explain her biography.

All board members need to attend the auction. Members will be introduced and will wear name tags that say, "Ask me."

Some auction items will be just pictured, because they are too big to bring to the hall.

It was decided to not have a photo booth, this year. Maybe Amber can take pictures throughout the auction.

Patty suggested that we put ads in the Friday papers – “Baker Herald” and “La Grande Observer”. Alice will take care of that and look up about a liquor license for non-profits.

The auction committee will be meeting on Thursday or Friday. Anna will let the committee members know when it will meet.

Update on grants – We have received approx. \$28,000 in grants. Two papers were passed out for last year and one for this year’s grants. We have looked into the following grants to help pay for our March concert: 1. US Bank grants – too late for this year; 2. Walmart - ?, but unlikely to get the needed employee participation, that’s part of the grant and 3. Les Schwab – no.

Alice will work on the March concert transportation and will write the Leo Adler grant.

The board moved to extend Roxanna’s board membership through this fiscal year – June 30, 2017.

It was noted that Steve Tanner’s parents have donated and plan to donate, annually.

We looked at the **Chamber Concert Series**. We reviewed the purposes and goals of GRSA Funds. We need a minimum of 2 years’ operating expenses on hand. It was agreed upon that an Investments Alignment sheet should be attached to the minutes.

Alice made a motion to name the Grande Ronde Symphony Scholarship Fund. Karen seconded. Motion passed, with no opposition or abstentions.

Patty moved that we combine several named endowments into one endowment called the Miller/Groth, Strickler Endowment. Cheryl seconded. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn. Patty moved that we combine the named funds into one fund called the Grande Ronde Symphony Association Endowment. Motion passed.

Patty proposed that the money from the first Chamber Series of the 2015-16 season, be put into the endowment. This is \$475. She proposed that the rest of Chamber Concert funds collected be used to pay the GRSO conductor’s salary. That means the \$4,225 balance would go into the Reserve Operating Fund. The motion was seconded. Motion passed 8 to 1.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Hudson, Secretary