

## GRSA Board Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2016 – 5 pm

**Present:** Karen Campbell, Anna Cavinato, Janice Cowan, Cheryl Hudson, Mary Koza, Dale Lauritzen, Pam Moore, Patty Sandoz, April Simpson, Kathy Thimmes, Alice Trindle and Keith Van Vickie.

**Not Present:** Amber Martell and Roxanna Swann

**Guest:** Aaron Boudreaux

President Patty Sandoz opened the meeting by welcoming our newest Board member, Janice Cowan, and introducing our guest, Aaron Boudreaux. Both of these individuals play in the woodwinds section of the GRSO.

Patty also had the Board review the Organizational Agreements.

The October 12, 2016 minutes of the GRSA Executive Committee were reviewed. Pam moved and Keith seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion was unanimously approved. Keith questioned why the whole Board would approve the Executive Committee minutes. Patty said that our bylaws are a bit fuzzy in that area.

The September Board minutes were approved by the Executive Committee at their October 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Patty thanked the orchestra players and Board members who passed out posters for our upcoming concerts.

Patty announced that she has been interviewed twice, recently: once on the radio and once on La Grande Alive, an internet online TV station. La Grande Alive will be videoing the next orchestra rehearsal and will make a presentation about the orchestra that can be visited online.

A possibility of having a 6-month contract at \$85 per month with La Grande Alive was discussed. Alice suggested that we send it to the Marketing Committee to review. Alice is the chair of that committee. It was agreed that we should send it to the committee.

Patty sent around the committee sign-up sheet, so new members could sign-up and old members could review and change, if necessary, their commitments.

Alice reported that she has contacted people involved with the Oregon Symphony Orchestra. A Grande Ronde Student Symphony field trip to Portland is in the works!

Patty nominated Aaron Boudreaux as a Board member. Kathy seconded. Aaron left the room and a unanimous vote was taken, to accept him as our newest member. Welcome Aaron! Aaron has already been keeping our website up-to-date.

Keith gave a Treasurer's report. We are in good shape. Our taxes have been paid. Keith suggested that anytime we have an expense for the GRSA, we should check to see if it fits under any of our grants' guidelines.

Patty added a pink paper of another \$4,000 grant that was received from Oregon Community Foundation, recently. That brings the total grant totals for the 2016-17 year to \$31,343, as of October 31, 2016.

Having Ivy Waite study the Suzuki method was discussed. We aren't sure if she took the workshop training last year. We haven't had a report.

Alice reported that the \$1,000 US Bank grant for our March concert depends on how well the bank is doing by the end of the year. We will receive it at the first of 2017, if the bank has done well.

Anna gave an auction report. The auction brought in more money than ever! The net proceeds were over \$10,000! She praised the auctioneer – Heidi Hill. Anna told about glitches in accounting for ticket sales and processing payments at the end of the auction. The Auction Committee is working to correct these problems. The profits from our auction go to our general operating expenses.

Pam gave a membership report. She passed out a paper comparing this year (2016-17) with last year (2015-16). Our proceeds this year from season ticket sales, chamber passes, donations to the Grande Ronde Symphony Orchestra and Grande Ronde Student Symphony, and scholarship fund were \$15,160 (including the \$3,750 raised by the Music Director fundraiser). Monies brought in so far this year, amount to \$15,395. She also showed that we had received \$23,643 in grants this year. The discrepancy in grant totals between Pam’s report (\$23,643) and Patty’s report (\$31,343) is because some grants’ time frame was more for the current fiscal year rather than the previous fiscal year. Below is a summary of the grants received.

- **Grants 2015-2016 Total** **\$28,106**
  - Meyer Memorial Trust \$15,906
  - Trust Management Services \$3200
  - Oregon Arts Commission \$1000
  - Miller Foundation \$5000
  - Leo Adler Foundation \$3000
- **Grants 2016-2017 Total** **\$31,343**
  - Trust Management Services \$3200
  - Wildhorse Foundation \$2000
  - Juan Young Trust \$2500
  - Oregon Community Foundation I \$2500
  - Collins Foundation \$5000
  - Oregon Cultural Trust \$12,143
  - Oregon Community Foundation II \$4000

Karen took some aprons that belong to the GRSA. She’ll ask Merlyn Baker if he wants them.

There were four certificates that weren’t bid on at the auction. It was decided that the Board members could purchase them for half the value on the certificates, since that is the usual starting bid for auction items. Karen bought the Gilchrist balloon party for \$50, Cheryl bought the GR Hospital dinner for \$10 and Patty bought the Glen Null consultation for \$100. There was one more certificate for kitchen renovation ideas from “Kitchens by Terrie” that Kathy said she might be interested in, but will have to check with her husband. Patty will present it to the orchestra at tomorrow’s rehearsal.

Patty, Pam and Keith put together a schedule of GRSA monetary obligations, so Board members will know what our monthly and yearly obligations are.

Patty said that the Scholarship Committee has been inactive and that she is reactivating it. Aaron said that he’ll be on that committee.

April explained how she has been getting the Dennis Hoyt sculpture advertised. We paid a PR firm in Texas and they are getting the information out around the world. Dennis doesn't want the sculpture sold for less than \$8,500.

Patty read an email letter about the GRSA from Dennis Hoyt to her. A copy will be attached with these minutes.

Alice commented on the fact that it takes between \$60,000 and \$70,000 a year to operate the GRSA now. We are doing okay, at present, but we won't be able to continue to depend on over half of that coming from grants.

Patty proposed that we adopt the Purposes and Goals of GRSA Funds as our priorities. Dale expressed disappointment in the placement of the endowment but was glad that it was included in our priorities. Alice moved and Kathy seconded that we adopt the Purposes and Goals. It was passed unanimously.

Patty presented the historical document, "Update on the GRSA Search and Rescue for the Archives Project. A copy of this report will be attached with these minutes.

Keith talked about a phone call from Lorna Spain. There was a discussion about scholarship monies being restricted.

Patty proposed that there should be a policy that any expenses in excess of \$250, not specifically addressed in the annually adopted budget, must be approved by a majority of the Board or by a majority of the Executive Committee. This will be presented at a future Board meeting.

The GRSO manager position is open. Patty sent out a letter about this. The position pays \$300 per term and is usually filled by an EOU student.

Patty said that the Board needs to address the letters that the members have been receiving from Lorna Spain. Dale interrupted her, to express his displeasure with the Board and then left the meeting.

Alice said that we need to seek legal counsel on what our next step should be. Patty said that we have sought legal counsel from our attorney and CPA on many occasions. A committee of Board members will meet with Glen Null again.

Submitted by Cheryl Hudson, GRSA secretary

**From:** Dennis Hoyt <dennisahoyt@me.com>

**Subject:** Your Thank You

**Date:** October 20, 2016 at 10:45:45 AM PDT

**To:** Patty Sandoz <psandoz@eoni.com>

Dear Patty,

Sincere thanks for the Thank You note and kind words, but not necessary.

Dreams: 1. A permanent facility for Symphony concerts. 2. Guest Conductors that would come to La Grande to promote new ideas and music. 3. I can see Summer concerts with musicians from Portland, Seattle, Spokane, Boise and elsewhere. 4. Create a cultural center in the Inland Empire to promote a unique art experiences no one else can provide.

If there is someone in the area who would be willing to purchase a major piece of art (\$10,000 and up) I would be willing to create a piece of wood sculpture of their favorite subject matter, ie. Equestrian, wildlife, etc. This would be my intepretation of that subject matter, and would not necessarily be a literal piece. This piece would guarantee the Symphony the reserved amount, and if it were auctioned off, price point would start at that amount, so the individual who would commit to the piece, might not end up with it, but the Symphony would reap the benifits of the higher amount.

Just thought you should know where my brain is, although I sometimes can't find it myself.....

Sincerely,

Dennis Hoyt

## **Update on the GRSA Search and Rescue for the Archives Project**

by Patty Sandoz

November 4, 2016

This report is an update to the previous reports on the archiving project of the GRSA files. Many requests have been made through the recent years for all GRSA documents. In early December 2014, five boxes were handed over by Lorna Spain from stuff stored in her garage and two boxes of stuff from Leandro Espinosa's office. Dale Lauritzen contributed four old Vanguard quarterly statements. All the files and documents were inventoried, organized, and safely stored in plastic tubs with lids to prevent dust from infiltrating. The GRSA Archiving Project reports of February 7, 2015 and April 5, 2015 were included in the appropriate minutes corresponding to those dates.

The following information details the latest, and perhaps last, round of files and documents getting turned over to GRSA.

### **October 20, 2016**

On Thursday, October 20, 2016, Lorna Spain handed over one box of files, two flat boxes containing a total of 105 posters of GRSO from 2007, and some chef's aprons and coats. Pam and Patty sorted each document, archiving those that were appropriate and throwing away those that were duplicates. No missing minutes were found.

### **November 2, 2016**

On Wednesday, November 2, 2016, Dale Lauritzen handed over a document titled "Complete Listing of the Sources of the Endowment" from June 9, 1988 to February 10, 2004. The document was prepared July 26, 2004. A copy of this is now in the Archives. It will also be included in the November 2016 minutes.

The following minutes are still missing:

### **Missing Minutes**

- 2013-2014
  - July 2013, August 2013, September 2013, October 2013, December 2013, June 2014
- 2012-2013
  - September 2012, January 2013, February 2013, March 2013, April 2013, May 2013, June 2013
- 2011-2012
  - September 2011, October 2011, November 2011, December 2011
- 2010-2011
  - January 2011, March 2011, May 2011, June 2011
- 2009-2010
  - July 2009, September 2009, January 2010, March 2010
- 2008-2009
  - There are no missing minutes. Yeah!
- 2007-2008
  - January 2008, February 2008, March 2008, April 2008, May 2008, June 2008