

SPARTANBURG PHILHARMONIC
Board of Directors
January 23, 2019
Chapman Cultural Center
West Wing Conference Room

The Meeting was called to order by the President-Elect, Laura Allen, at 6:03 pm. She warmly welcomed all in attendance. She let the board know that President Rachel Deems would be arriving soon, and that the Blue Grass Committee would be moved ahead of the Education Committee.

Board Members present: Rachel Deems, Laura Allen, Chip McLeod, Jimmy Gibson, Travis Sutton, Peter Grzan, Cabe Loring, Meisha Adderley, Judy McCravy, Melinda Moretz, Janes Cheek, Samantha Nicholson, Karen Parrott, Justin Schutrumpf, Betsy Sikma, Helen Tipton, Joella Utley.

Diana Berti, Bob Borden, Kathryn Boucher and Stefan Sanders were also in attendance.

There was a quorum present.

The minutes from the November 28, 2018 meeting were approved. Justin Schutrumpf made a motion to accept and Cabe Loring seconded.

Stefan Sanders was welcomed back to the meeting and asked to give his "artistic vision" for 2019 – 2020 season. He went over the performances including the first one (October 12) which will be the dedication of the renewed Twichell. He explained that some of the music performed at that concert will tie to some of the music performed in Twichell years ago. He also gave an overview of the Espresso Series.

Samantha Nicholson gave an update on the Audience Development committee. She pointed out that the committee had added several people. She noted the importance of "e-vites" and using social media to promote the concerts. She also mentioned the importance of the breakfast events and Jimmy Gibson added information on that.

Peter Grzan gave an update from the Bluegrass committee. He noted that Bela Fleck and Abigail Washburn are scheduled to come play as a Bluegrass concert as well as a possible collaboration with Stefan. The board agreed that this was very big news for the organization.

Karen Parrott gave an update on the Fund Development committee and the initiatives they had been working on. She thanked everyone for writing notes and making calls to donors and she thanked Stefan for personally meeting donors. She noted that ad sales will be coming up soon.

Travis Sutton gave an update from the Finance committee. Travis explained the "old" numbers vs. a newer type system we may update to. He went over the results and the committee workings. He asked Kathryn Boucher to update the board on progress to replace Rachel Hansen.

Kathryn Boucher then delivered the Executive Director's report. She gave an update on tickets and the upcoming breakfast. Kathryn explained that the Bela Fleck concert will be more expensive than most but that she was looking at funding options and Diana Berti was helping with grants.

Laura Allen then gave an update on the Converse MOA. She said they met with two people with Converse and hoped to have more information soon. Kathryn Boucher added that they are working out the details over the fees and Laura Allen gave more clarity on that topic

Helen Tipton gave an update on the Education Committee. She laid out the possibility of Youth Orchestra. She explained that she had done a lot of work over many years with this, and noted that Meisha Adderley and Bob Borden have been a tremendous help to her. Helen laid out, in detail, how the orchestra would work. Many additional details were covered, along with a budget, then many, many questions followed. After lots of discussion, including input from Stefan Sanders, Betsy Sikma made a motion to establish a youth orchestra dependent on securing a director. James Cheek seconded this motion, and it was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by Rachel Deems at 8:02 pm., without the need for an Executive Session.