

**ARTS COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2009; 3:00 PM
KIAWAH ISLAND MUNICIPAL CENTER
2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order:** Mr. Lipuma called the meeting to order at 3:00PM.
- II. FOIA:** Notice of this meeting has been published and posted in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act and the requirements of the Town of Kiawah Island.

III. Roll Call:

Present: Charles Lipuma, Chair
Carol Anne Smalley
Mary Johnson
Bill Blizard
Linda Morganstein
Arie deZanger

Also Present: Stephanie Braswell, Administrative Assistant
Tumiko Rucker, Town Administrator

Absent: Lenni Freeburg
Julie Fenimore
Ellie Burnaford

IV. Approval of Minutes:

Mrs. Johnson motioned to approve the minutes of March 5, 2009. Mr. Blizard seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

V. Old Business:

A. Budget Outlook

Committee Members discussed the revised budget summary with projected versus actual cost for past events. Several committee members discussed adjustments to incorporate costs billed by the resort for past events with the Town Treasurer.

Mrs. Johnson suggested making a donation to the Episcopal and Catholic churches that have held the events this past season. Mr. Lipuma stated that was still the intent and that mostly likely it would be about \$500.00 per church.

B. Electronic Ticket Handling Update

Mrs. Rucker presented the ticket cost analysis report comparing costs in association with printing tickets in-house verses the online ticket programming cost. Mrs. Rucker stated that the money used to pay for the cost of programming would have to come from the Arts Council contingency funds from 2008/2009 fiscal year.

Committee members discussed the logistics of the online ticketing process. Mr. Lipuma stated that Mrs. Rucker labor cost was not a real cost because the Town would pay the same salary to the Town employee who prepares the tickets.

It was moved and seconded to approve the online ticketing proposal. After a vote of 3 in favor and 2 opposing, the motion carried. Mr. Lipuma requested that the expenditure be presented to the Ways and Means committee.

C. 2009 Season Events Update

The Piccolo Preview will take place Sunday, April 26 at 4:00PM at Holy Spirit Catholic Church.

The “Blues in the Night” event has been scheduled for Sunday, June 14, 2009 at the River Course beginning at 4:00PM. The event will require guests to purchase tickets for \$25 to cover the cost of food. The price for the buffet ticket has changed from \$20 to \$25 due to additions to the menu. Event attendance will be limited to purchased ticket holders. It has a budget of \$5,000 for the performers. Three bands scheduled to perform at the event. Tickets will be paid for at Town Hall and a list of paid attendees will be generated for verification purposes.

The Beach Music Event will take place at the Sandcastle on Saturday, June 27, 2009. The time of the event is 7:30PM. Shag instructors will teach an hour prior to the event and stay to supervise. Shag dancing will be encouraged. The cost for the instructors is \$250 for a two-hour tutorial. The group *The Islanders* are perform at this event.

Mrs. Johnson suggested adding a performance by pianist Voly on May 17th of this season and will check availability.

D. February Planning Meeting Follow up

Mr. Lipuma reviewed the revised budget outlook in response to ATAX allocation of funds and Ways and Means Committee recommendations for the Arts Council. Final approval of Town’s 2009/10 Budget will be in May.

The budget outlook for 2009/2010 is as follows: \$70,000 general fund allocated to events with a \$2,500 administrative budget totaling \$72,500. ATAX funding will be \$25,000 for Charleston Symphony Orchestra managed by the Arts Council and \$25,000 for Charleston Ballet Theater. The amount for the CBT would cover

two and possibly three performances held at East Beach Conference Center in October, January, February or May.

All A list events were agreed upon and the committee adopted the A1 list of performances as well as Fred Moyer at from the B list completing the 2009/2010 season proposed events. Mr. Lipuma increased the amount for the Andrew Thielen cost to \$4,500.00 and added \$3,500.00 contingency.

Mr. Lipuma revised the proposed list of events from the planning session. He suggested raising the cost for the CSO woodwind performance to 7,500. Mrs. Fenimore will be responsible for negotiating the cost.

The proposed date for Fred Moyer is September 30th and Mrs. Smalley negotiated his price to \$4,500.

Committee Members discussed having one of the CBT performance accompanied with live music and deliberated about how many performances they should hold with the CBT and CSO.

Mrs. Johnson express interested in allocating the money that was freed up by ATAX funding the CSO to be used to bring Keiko Matsui.

Correspondence:

Budget Summary
Budget Outlook
Proposed 2009/10 event
Online Ticket Automation Cost Analysis

Committee Members' Comments:

Mr. Lipuma requested that the June and July meeting be moved. He proposed that the June 4th meeting to June 11 and July 2nd meeting to July 9th.

Mrs. Smalley stated that she sampled Andrew Palmer Todd music and while he is a good pianist she believed that the Arts Council has better ties with more versatile pianists.

Citizens' Comments:

None

Adjournment

Mr. Lipuma motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:02 PM. Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by: _____
Stephanie Braswell, Administrative Assistant

Approved by: _____
Charles R. Lipuma, Chair

Date: _____