

**ARTS COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 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
Mary Johnson
Bill Blizard
Linda Morganstein
Arie deZanger
Lenni Freeburg
Julie Fenimore
Ellie Burnaford

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

Absent: Carol Anne Smalley

IV. Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Blizard motioned to approve the minutes of April 5, 2009. Mr. Lipuma seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

V. Old Business:

A. Online Ticketing

Mr. Lipuma stated that the online ticketing option failed two to one in the last Ways and Means Committee meeting. This item was not forwarded to Town Council for approval.

B. 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.

Committee members identified additional costs for certain events that were not identified on the budget.

Mr. Lipuma stated that the Arts Council will make a donation to the Episcopal and Catholic churches that have held the events this past season. Mr. Lipuma stated that the donation would be \$500.00 per church.

Mr. Lipuma stated that requested the Town Treasurer will be asked to supply the budget prior to arts council packets being sent out to committee members.

B. 2009 Season Events Update

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 Town will then cut a check to the River Course for the total amount.

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.

C. 2009/2010 Season Plan and Budget Outlook

SEPTEMBER

The date for Fred Moyer is set for Wednesday September 30th at Episcopal Church of our Saviour Time of performance is TBD. This event is budgeted at \$4,500.

OCTOBER

Mrs. Morganstein stated that Duda Lucena is available every Thursday and Friday in October, November and the first week of December. The committee agreed that the best time for this is Thursday October 15th at 7:30pm at the Sandcastle. This event is budgeted at \$900.

The Piano Bar series featuring Bill Howland and Stedman-Behind the Palms will be held at the Sandcastle for 3 consecutive weeks and are budgeted at \$250 each totaling \$750. The time of the events will 5:00pm-6:30pm and the dates are as follows:

- Wednesday, October 7th at 5:00PM Howland
- Wednesday, October 14th at 5:00pm Stedman -Behind the Palms
- Wednesday, October 21st at 5:00pm Howland

The Masked Pantomime Theater by Faust is tentatively set for Friday, October 23rd or Sunday, October 25th. This event will be held at either the Sandcastle or at Turtlepoint and is budgeted at \$3,000. Mr. deZanger stated that the cost for Faust's performance does not include his airfare from Canada and if he could not negotiate with Faust the event may be cancelled. Committee members suggested checking to see if he had other U.S. tour dates that the Arts Council could schedule to coincide with.

NOVEMBER

The CSO Concert with David Stahl conducting will follow the CSO House Tour and is set for Saturday, November 7th at Freshfields. This event is budgeted at \$25,000 paid for by ATAX. \$20,000 will go to the CSO performance and \$5000 for the tent to shelter the musicians.

DECEMBER

The CSO Holiday Strings Concert with Yuriy Bekker is set for Thursday, December 3rd at 7:30 pm at Holy Spirit Catholic Church. This event is budgeted at \$7,500.

JANUARY 2010

The Hoot 'N' Nanny is tentatively set for Thursday, January 7th at 7:30pm. This event will be held at either the Sandcastle or Turtlepoint. This event is budgeted at \$4,000.

The CSO Chamber Music Woodwinds performance is set for Thursday, January 28 at 7:30pm at Church Of Our Saviour. This event is budgeted at \$2,000

The Tommy Gill Jazz Group event will be held January at Turtlepoint. The date is TDB. This event is budgeted at \$2,200.

Charleston Ballet performance 1 of 3 will be held in January. The date is TDB but will be held at East Beach Conference Center. The total of three performances is budgeted at \$25,000 paid for by ATAX.

FEBRUARY

The Spiritual Ensemble by Lee Pringle is set for Friday, February 12th at 7:30 pm at Holy Spirit Catholic Church. This event is budgeted at \$2,500.

Charleston Ballet performance 2 of 3 will be held in February. The date is TDB but will be held at East Beach Conference Center. The total of three performances is budgeted at \$25,000 paid for by ATAX.

The Ann Caldwell and Loose Fitt Jazz performance will be held at the Sandcastle and the date is TBD. This event is budgeted at \$2,000

MARCH

The Andrew Thielen Big Band performance is set for Saturday, March 14th. The time of is TBD and will be held at E.B. Conference Center. This event is budgeted at \$4,500.

The Jane Austen's Literary + Music event is set for Thursday, March 18th at 7:30pm at Church Of Our Saviour. This event is budgeted at \$3,000.

Charleston Ballet performance 3 of 3 will be held in March. The date is TDB but will be held at East Beach Conference Center. The total of three performances is budgeted at \$25,000 paid for by ATAX.

APRIL

The CSO Chamber Music Brass performance is set for Thursday, April 8th at 7:30 pm at Church Of Our Saviour. This event is budgeted at \$2,000.

JUNE

The Zydeco event is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, June 20 at 4:30 pm. This will be held at the River Course or Sandcastle. This event will have a Cajun Theme + Buffet and is budgeted at \$4,000.

The following events were discussed but no dates were confirmed as to where they will fall on the schedule:

The College of Charleston Chamber Music with Lorenzo Muti will be held at Church Of Our Saviour at 4:00pm and is budgeted at \$2,000. The tentative dates are March 28th or April 4th.

The Women in Art + Film series will be held at the Sandcastle and dates and time are TDB. Each event is budgeted at \$300 a piece totaling \$600.

The Pure Theater performance of The Tragedian will be at the Sandcastle and the time and date is TBD. This event is budgeted at \$2,000.

The Folk 60's Music event featuring Rod Powell will be held at the Sandcastle and is budgeted for \$4,000. The time and date is TBD.

Mr. Lipuma requested that Ms. Braswell place the events discussed in the meeting on the Arts Council Calendar template for the upcoming 2009/2010 season and distribute to committee members upon completion.

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

VI. New Business:

A. Resort Facilities Use Fee

No discussion

B. Ticketing

Mr. Lipuma motioned without objection to amend the agenda to add new business B. Ticketing.

Mr. Rucker suggested as a ticketing option a season pass card that would stand as a season ticket holder season pass. The committee raised concerns and dissatisfaction based on the inability to gauge attendance prior to the event. Mrs. Rucker addressed that the Arts Council's budget has been reduced and as such changes have to be made to accommodate.

Mr. Lipuma suggested buying stock paper ticket templates from this year's budget to have for next year's events.

Mr. deZanger stated that there needed to be a way to allow Kiawah residents first right to tickets one week in advance. Mrs. Johnson addressed her concerns about changing the way tickets are currently distributed. Committee members discussed that this practice is not in place now and could potentially make the process confusing in regards to having two separate release dates.

Mr. Lipuma requested from Mrs. Rucker an estimated amount for the cost to print Arts Council materials in house for their posters, programs and tickets. He stated that since the total cost is expected to exceed the contingency fund he will go back to the Ways and Means committee to request an addition to the budget to cover those costs. .

Correspondence:

Budget Summary

Budget Outlook

Committee Members' Comments:

Mr. Blizzard stated that the new contact at the resort is Barbara Steele.

Mrs. Johnson suggested a new venue in the courtyard at Freshfields but would require placing a platform over the fountain.

Citizens' Comments:

None

Adjournment

Mrs. Fenimore 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: _____