

River Campus Board of Managers Minutes

June 4, 2021

Noon via Zoom

Attendees Danielle Poyner, Rhonda Weller-Stilson, Brad Sheriff and Scott Meyer

Absent Sophia Han and Trudy Lee

Minutes Scott made a motion and Brad seconded to approve the March minutes; all approved.

Danielle Poyner called meeting to order.

Agenda

- **Celebrate the Arts and end of Season** – performance was May 6th that included all facets of art and design and was the first annual event sponsored by St. Francis. All proceeds will go toward student tours. In December, we are producing Big Bang Christmas. The event will include pottery and art vendors in the Cultural Arts Center Atrium.
- **Yamaha Initiative event** - June 27th at 3pm – Yamaha will be showcasing equipment to potential donors. Kevin Hampton, chair of the Music department, and a guest artist will be performing. There will also be a piano specialist from California on hand for discussions.
- **Summer Arts Festival** – will be Saturday, June 19th (rain or shine). Posters still indicate wearing masks, but we will not be monitoring. In addition, there will be closer seating than in previous years; masks will be available. The majority of activities will be outside to provide better social distancing. These include individually packaged art activities, music in the park and art demonstrations. The Avenue of Art will be in front of the Museum. Marketing items are going out today.

We are also hosting the Lanford Wilson New American Play Festival from June 14-19. The festival features staged readings the day of the summer arts festival. Southeast students will perform readings with opportunities for the audience to ask questions. Guests from all over the country will be in attendance and readings are free to guests.

- **New Art Building** – the goal is to have the facilities ready to move in by July with classes to be held in the fall. Brad discussed timelines and work that has been done by the Foundation office to solicit funds for the project. Rhonda is working with Facilities Management to coordinate a walk-through for the Board. In addition, there will be a community open-house and grand opening as construction is completed. The city has assisted with the Chapter 100 process to assist with Scott Blank's investment. In addition, they are working on water line reconstruction in the area and are planning an 'entrance' feature to this part of the city. There are ongoing discussions related to the existing Art Building on main campus. Brad believes the building has long-term interior problems. However, the outside is in good shape and one of the first buildings erected on campus.

Discussion Items

- College new student projections are looking great.
- Dr. Kenny Haskin, who replaces Scott Meyer as one of the city representatives to the board, should be appointed in early July.
- Scott was thanked for his years of service to the city and this committee, and congratulated on his retirement.

Next meeting scheduled for September 3, 2021. Scott made a motion and Brad seconded to adjourn.