

River Campus Board of Managers Minutes

March 13, 2015

Noon in River Campus Seminary Conference Room

Attendees: Ruth Knote, Dennis Vollink, Victoria Rust, Bob Cerchio, Rhonda Weller-Stilson, Bill Holland and Bill Eddleman

Absent: Scott Meyer

Minutes from September: Dr. Eddleman made a motion to approve minutes and Dennis Vollink seconded; motion approved.

An introduction was made for Victoria Rust as the newest member to the board in addition to congratulations to Rhonda regarding success of the recent *King and I* production.

Information Items

1. **Parking with regards to large events** – was discussed. There seems to be concern that there aren't enough close parking spaces. Rhonda explained she continually communicates the need for students, faculty and staff to find alternate parking at these times and she will continue those efforts. It was noted that similar venues have the same type of difficulty.
2. **Report on the Art Cuisine Program** – nothing but compliments per Bob who provided handouts related to the number of guests who've taken advantage of this pre-performance dining. The response has been strong even with limited advertising of these opportunities and there's every intention of continuing the program into the next season of events.
3. **Update of next years touring series** - that will include an evening with the St. Louis Symphony (just confirmed today). There will also be three musicals that include *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat* in the fall, *Bullets over Broadway*, and *Mama Mia* both in the spring. And after a near sell out performance this year, *A Christmas Carol* will be returning. Two dance performances will include the Moscow Ballet and *Mo Mix*. Ed Asner as FDR will take place October 10th and another installment of the Sister's series, *Sister's Easter Catechism*, will perform the Tuesday before Easter. Rhonda provided some of the Theatre/Dance line up which includes *The Addams Family Musical* in the fall and *Of Mice and Men* in the spring along with *Imaginary Invalid*. Several suggestions for other shows were mentioned that include *Straight No Chaser*, the Texas Boys Choir and the Vienna Boys Choir. Rhonda noted that River Campus is hosting the American College Dance Appreciation convention in the spring (comprised of 9 visiting dance companies). The conference is being held in conjunction with the Giordano Dance Group.
4. **River Campus Summer Arts Festival updates** - provided by Rhonda. Louise Bodenheimer has once again created the artwork for this one-day event. Every sponsor from last year is back in addition to a new sponsorship from the SE Missourian (much appreciated). New participants this year include the Conservation Center, Art Design, Creative Writing Department, CarArt, a animal art event with Emily Booth and a *Plein Air* art competition offered through the Museum. We fully expect in excess of 2,000 guests. Bill Holland also indicated that Catapult, a newly established organization based on entrepreneurial student initiatives, would be taking part in the festival. The musical *Seussical* will also be part of the summer programming and tickets have already gone on sale, which include a children's matinee.

Bill Eddleman made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Dennis Vollink; meeting was adjourned.