

## River Campus Board of Managers Minutes

September 12, 2014

Noon in River Campus Seminary Conference Room

**Attendees:** Bill Eddleman, Bill Holland, Rhonda Weller-Stilson, Bob Cerchio, Dennis Vollink, Jerry Ford, Ruth Knot

**Guests:** Ruth Campbell from the Southeast Missourian

**Absent:** Scott Meyer

**Minutes from June:** Jerry Ford made a motion, Dennis Vollink seconded.

### Information Items:

- **This year's River Campus Summer Festival date** – is June 20<sup>th</sup>. In addition, productions of *Seussical* will run for two weeks on June 18, 19, and 20 at 7:30 pm, June 21 at 2:00 pm, June 25 at 7:30 pm, June 26 at 2:00 and 7:30 pm, June 27 at 7:30 pm and June 28 at 2:00 pm. Alex Jackson secured the first sponsorship of the year. Dennis Vollink committed Drury Southwest to the second (*much thanks*).
- **Musical theatre experience children's workshop** – flyers were handed out. Due to last year's success another 5-week class is being offered beginning in October. Students will be acting and doing musical exercises that conclude with a final production. Instructors include Sami Gross and Megan Steck who are both Southeast Alum and Matt Kauzlarich who is a current Theatre/Dance student.
- **Partnership with Discovery Playhouse** – is part of the River Campus outreach mission and discussions with the Discovery Playhouse have culminated into one-Saturday-a-month presentations by our academic departments. Selected classes will include art and percussion demonstrations, dance instruction, as well as a visit from the Museum mobile learning center, the Southeast Explorer. It's hoped that this activity increase to the Broadway corridor will promote further business expansion. Also of note: a permanent River Campus display will be added to the playhouse.
- **Hairspray and community involvement** – is being shaped through the assistance of Mike Dumey and Elizabeth Shelton in the upcoming production and also includes learning opportunities for area youth.
- **New Building Updates** – include much activity in all areas including rehearsals and practices. The outdoor mural's been completed and is truly a wonderful addition to the overall appearance. Music Academy has moved into the building and everything is running smoothly. Discussion led by Dennis Vollink involving the inclusion of local artist pieces within the public spaces.
- **Family Weekend** – is scheduled for Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 3 pm. Demonstrations in all the spaces will include actors and dancers in the studios and faculty in the art education rooms. The Museum will also be open and tours will be available. Also of interest, the Symphony Sampler and Theatre/Dance freshman events in the Bedell.
- **Art Cuisine Program** – handouts were provided by Bob; this new promotion is being offered this academic year. Series ticket patrons have the opportunity to have dinner before select performances. There will be space for approximately 50 guests although overflow will be available if needed. Press releases will be out soon and promotional mailers will be sent within the next week.
- **Box office sales comparison** – were provided indicating a slight improvement from last year's figures.

Bill Eddleman made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Jerry Ford.