

TEXAS FOLK MUSIC FOUNDATION

Board Meeting Minutes

Quiet Valley Ranch, Kerrville Folk Festival, Kerrville, Texas

Saturday, June 6, 2009

Board Members Present: *Michael D'Eath, Thomas Chapmond, Jon Charles, Bill Stacy, Chuck Lesniak, Adams Kirkpatrick, Steve Gillette, Therese Spina, Theresa Tod*

Board Members Absent: *None*

Others Present: *Stuart Vexler, Steve Carruthers*

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m. by Michael D'Eath, Chair. The Chair observed that we were going into Executive Session, for purposes of discussion of the lease. Stuart Vexler as Consultant and Steve Carruthers as Treasurer were allowed to participate.

Report from Executive Session:

Michael noted that Thomas has joined him as part of the negotiating team. The negotiating committee was authorized to take back an agreed-on package as a counter offer.

Jon moved and Bill seconded that the negotiating committee would be authorized to take the agreed-on package back to the negotiating committee, as a counter offer. The motion passed unanimously.

Current year: \$21,500

Years 2-7: Taxes plus \$12,000

Thereafter: Taxes plus around \$9,000 less an allocation for Rod Kennedy's taxes (\$500)

Other business:

Adams suggested forming a facilities committee, with representatives from the Foundation and the Board; there was general agreement. A review of Foundation committees includes the Operating Committee (chair – Stuart Vexler); Resource Development Committee (chair – Jon Charles); Program Committee (chair – Chuck Lesniak); and the Facilities Committee would be the 4th. (Theresa T. suggested that the Personnel Committee should be re-evaluated.)

Chuck suggested that Adams chair the Facilities Committee. Chuck will serve as the Executive Representative. The focus needs to be on finishing current projects, and having a solid plan for the Ranch; also cleaning it up. Adams suggested a clean-up crew; Rick's storage area also needs organizing.

Michael as Board Chair appointed the committee as discussed; they are to bring back recommendations to the Board. Stuart proposed that the Operating Committee submit some of their committee members to serve on the Facilities Committee; it was agreed that Michael has the authority to make further appointments, or bring back to the full Board for a decision, at his discretion.

Chuck suggested that the bylaws should probably address the issue of how committee members are appointed and ratified.

It was agreed that Charlie can enter into contracts that are within the approved budget.

General Counsel: Noting that Crash had communicated his desire to remove himself as General Counsel, Thomas expressed his thanks and appreciation for the years of valuable services he had provided to TFMF. Michael noted that Andrew Gajkowski, with Fish and Richardson, has been very helpful in the past year, and is willing to serve as general counsel if asked.

Chuck and George straightened up the storage room. Therese agreed to work with Marghi to put up the booth at the close of the festival.

Thomas moved, Adams seconded, to adjourn the meeting; all agreed. The next meeting was tentatively set for July 19, at 12 noon, at the Ranch.

-Submitted by Theresa Tod, Secretary