

Laconia Putnam Fund
Board of Trustees Meeting
November 5, 2021

This meeting was called to order on Friday, November 5, 2021, at 9:30 am held at 45 Beacon Street East, Laconia City Hall, Laconia, NH with the following in attendance Jim Rogato, Rich Landry, Linda Peary, Charles Bradley and Betty Ballantyne.

MINUTES: Jim made a motion to accept the October minutes, Rich seconded it with all in favor.

PROGRAMS:

Alex Kershaw – Author is scheduled on November 5, 2021, at the Belknap Mill at 7 pm and the Certificate of Insurance and the Mill contract is completed. The Mill is paid in full at \$175 for the use of the facility. Betty and Jim are to meet with Karen after today's meeting to be sure all is set and ready for this evening's lecture. Charles is managing transportation. He has a pickup at Montpelier, VT and the next day to the airport.

David S Brody – Author scheduled for Monday, November 29th at the Belknap Mill. The Mill's contract has been signed and paid for the use of the facility. Certificate of Insurance is completed. Advertisement and promotion are set for the start of this coming week.

Ronnie Earl and the Broadcasters – Blues Band is set for Saturday, November 27th at 7:00 pm at the Colonial Theater. Advertising is on November 5th tickets. We have a list of accommodations the day of the performance. (See attached) Hotel accommodations are set.

NEW BUSINESS:

Linda Eder – Broadway Performer has released available dates of September 14, 15 & 18th and October 4, 2022. Her fee is \$22,000 to \$28,000 and not inclusive of other anticipated cost associated with her entourage. Betty made a motion to offer \$15,000 and Rich seconded with all in favor.

Temptations – Two Divas – Rhythm Extreme are three programs submitted by Julie Grant and Michael for proposed shows for 2022. We have asked for more details prior to making any decisions.

Military Bands: Betty is working to initiate contact with each branch in hopes of future performances.

The Trills Music: An acapella group who has three million Tik Tok followers.

FINANCIALS:

Our yearly allotment is \$60,000. Our fiscal year begins with each July 1st. We do have a carryover of \$93,000, therefore a grand total of \$153,000. As of today, November 5th we have spent \$53,000.

We are working together with Jacob, Manager of the Colonial Theater. We intend to participate in securing curtains for the Canal Street windows for the Colonial. They are working with Decorative Interiors. Their first bid was \$17,000. Adjustments are being made and we are now waiting for new suggestions and a bid for the Green Door Drapery.

Jim suggested after our last show with Hart Keene, the value of having stairs built for the stage at the Colonial. Hart had audience participation and without stair made it quite challenging for the artist and the audience. He suggested working the LHS Vocational School. The stairs could be built; though storage would be an issue.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Father Adrien's Proclamation is to be submitted to the City Council this coming Monday. Betty will be attending to represent the Board.

Cosmic Coincidences – Author, Joe Laurendeau a local resident had written his revelations of the Putnam Program in this book. Charles stated with Joe's comments in Cosmic Coincidence is the purpose of his volunteerism!

Spectacle – It was noted that Spectacle had the ability to take donations at the point of sale for tickets sold on line. It is not a request for donations. An extended discussion occurred concerning adding a request for donations to tickets issued by Spectacle. Member Bradley opined that a vote of the Putnam members was required before this occurred. He also recommended that a legal opinion be obtained concerning this matter.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Ballantyne

