

CHENEY HALL FOUNDATION, INC.
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2012 MEETING

Present: Kim Ashton, Sarah Burke, Lynne Ferrigno, Teresa Ike, Donna Mercier, Geoffrey Naab, Dave Newirth, Andy Vincens.

Excused: Joyce Hodgson, Rob Huestis, Michael Pohl, Gregory Simmons

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. by President Naab.

MINUTES – A motion was made by Mr. Newirth, seconded by Ms. Burke, to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2012 meeting as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT – The Treasurer's report for August was distributed, showing one disbursement, \$50 to the Secretary of the State. Mr. Vincens moved to accept the report for filing. Mr. Newirth seconded. The motion carried unanimously. A copy of the report is included with these minutes.

LTM REPORT – Mr. Newirth read Ms. Hodgson's report. Cheney Hall and LTM are featured in the Connecticut Fall/Winter Getaway Guide to be distributed Sunday, Sept. 16 in about 1.5 million copies of newspapers in Connecticut, New York and northern New Jersey. Also, LTM has submitted and is preparing grant applications, including proposed renovations to the Silk Room and Dressing Room.

LTM's theme for 2012 will be "Great American Playwrights." The five main stage productions will be *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf*, *Our Town*, *You Can't Take It With You*, *LTMN Musical Revue* and *Fiddler on the Roof*. Also, lectures, "Evenings @ 7," Folk'on Fridays," and possibly a series of tribute band concerts. When quizzed by Mr. Newirth, five of the eight members present indicated an interest in tribute bands.

Coming up: History lecture Sept. 19, Folk'on Friday open mic Sept. 28, *1776* opening Nov. 2; and on December 11, Evenings @ 7, featuring a locally-written musical, *Burke & Hare*, about grave-robbers and medical students in 1820's Edinburgh.

BUILDING REPORT – Mr. Newirth reported that there were no building issues to report.

All Season Mechanical has been called seven times so far in 2012 for various relatively routine or minor issues. Total billing to date: \$2,300.72. Mr. Newirth moved to reimburse LTM for \$800.72. Ms. Ashton seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The 21-year-old refrigerator-freezer in the kitchen failed completely and had to be replaced at a cost of \$5,501 to LTM. In accordance with past practice, Mr. Vincens moved to reimburse LTM \$2,750.50, half the cost. Ms. Mercier seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE REPORT – Ms. Ashton reported on discussions with LTM and others, including Unico, about possible dates for Mardi Gras 2013. February 2 appears not to conflict with Unico or LTM, and is available at the Country Club, and was selected by consensus as the date. Ms. Ashton will schedule a committee meeting by email in the near future to start planning.

The Board remains enthusiastic about a possible Trivia Night fundraiser at Cheney Hall in the fall (discussed in last month's meeting). October 19 was suggested by Ms. Hodgson as a good date, and selected by consensus. Ms. Ashton will follow up with the vendor, to make sure he has that date available.

The Board continued last month's discussion about PayPal payments for donations and event tickets and whether or not to exact a surcharge to cover the cost of using PayPal. The prevailing view was that we should not impose a surcharge. Ms. Ferrigno moved, and Mr. Vincens seconded a motion to authorize Ms. Ashton to begin the process of applying to accept payments by PayPal. The motion carried by a vote of 7-1, Ms. Ike voting nay.

OLD BUSINESS – Mr. Naab reported that he Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) application was approved by the State, and Connecticut Natural Gas will be donating \$7,000, to be presented at Cheney Hall at 9:30 a.m. on September 26. Mr. Simmons has contacted Webster Bank, and Mr. Naab will contact Timken for possible donations. All members are urged to contact companies that they know.

NEW BUSINESS – Mr. Naab mentioned that it is time to appoint a nominating committee. He will send out some information on the nominating committee's purpose and duties.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA – None.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m. Next meeting Wednesday, October 10th.

Respectfully submitted,
Geoffrey Naab, Secretary pro tem