

SHAKESPEARE SUBCOMMITTEE ORGANIZATIONAL WORKSHOP

August 11, 2016

The Shakespeare Subcommittee of the Building Needs Committee conducted an organization workshop meeting on Thursday, August 11, 2016 in Room 213 of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford CT, pursuant to notice duly posted.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Council members Beth Daponte, Alan Llewelyn, Philip Young; Electorate members Edward Goodrich, State Rep. Joe Gresko, Jancee Pust-Marcone, Christopher Rooney, Peter Wood and Thomas Yemm

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: William Crosskey from Crosskey Architects, LLL (Hartford), Rick Marcone and Len Petrucelli

I CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Beth Daponte called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

II WORKING MEETING/NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

- A. Opening Remarks regarding getting the building safe and secure
Members discussed the building's dry heating system, preventing vandals and raccoons from entering, and a security system. Mr. Rooney stated the building's transformer is gone.
- B. Presentation of proposal by Bill Crosskey, and Q & A
Chairman Daponte distributed Crosskey Architects' proposal. Mr. Crosskey provided the firm's background, and explained that his proposal was based on a 7/24/2016 tour of the building. Mr. Crosskey discussed his company's experience with preservation and safety restoration. He also explained possible state grants available for tax credits, and added that his company would provide the service of researching and helping the Town of Stratford apply for such. The timeframe, based on his proposal, is 6-8 weeks. Ms. Daponte added there would then be an approximate 4-week bid process. Mr. Crosskey would like to begin the process by September 8, 2016.
- C. Strategic vision – Jancee Pust-Marcone to lead
Ms. Pust-Marcone presented a draft of the Mission/Vision Statement. She noted that the central themes of other theaters are Performance, Education and Community Involvement. Ms. Pust-Marcone explained the Vision Statement would explain “Who We Are” and the Mission

Statement would be “What We’re Going to Do”. A discussion ensued regarding various ideas for such. Mr. Goodrich stated the building’s original name was the American Festival Shakespeare Theater. The committee agreed to name it the American Shakespeare Festival Theater. A discussion ensued regarding possible ways to make the building a multi-use site.

D. Organizational issues -- none

E. Mighty Quinn Foundation update -- none

III ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Daponte accepted a motion from Ms. Pust-Marcone, seconded by Mr. Llewelyn, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Aileen Marsh, Secretary