

**TRUST FOR CULTURAL RESOURCES OF
THE COUNTY OF ONONDAGA
Regular Meeting
March 10, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Trust for Cultural Resources of the County of Onondaga was held on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 via Zoom Teleconference.

Trustee Greg Lancette called the meeting to order at 8:35 am with the following:

PRESENT:

Greg Lancette
Robert Petrovich
Leslie Garcea
Regina McArthur

ALSO PRESENT:

Robert Petrovich, Executive Director
Carolyn Evans-Dean, Secretary
Nathaniel Stevens, Treasurer
Karen Doster, Recording Secretary
Chris Andreucci, Harris Beach (teleconference)
Stephen Butler, CNY Arts

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 13, 2021

Upon a motion by Robert Petrovich, by Regina McArthur, the Board approved the regular meeting minutes of January 13, 2021. Motion was carried unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Nate Stevens gave a brief review of the Treasurer’s Report for the month of February 2021. He stated to follow up with the question at the Annual Meeting regarding number of signatures needed on checks, it is two signatures required.

Upon a motion by Regina McArthur, seconded by Robert Petrovich, the CRT Board approved the Treasurer’s Report for the month of February 2021. Motion was carried unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Nate Stevens gave a brief review of the Payment of Bills, Schedule #49.

Upon a motion by Robert Petrovich, seconded by Leslie Garcea, the CRT Board approved the Payment of Bills, Schedule #49 with General Expenses being \$71,046.78. Motion was carried unanimously.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

Carolyn Evans-Dean did a roll call asking Board members to recognize any conflicts.

Leslie Garcea stated she may have a conflict because she works for the New York Blues Festival and has applied for a COVID Arts Impact award. She stated has written many grants over the last year for support for the New York Blues Festival and had been awarded grants. She stated she has that kind of financial back ground with them. She stated the organization has received substantial grant awards. Christopher Andreucci asked if the relationship with CNY Arts is professional or personal. Leslie Garcea stated professionally. She stated it is an organization that she runs.

Christopher Andreucci stated these are not to Ms. Garcea's benefit personally so he thinks as long as it is disclosed it is not a conflict to prevent her from voting in favor of it. He stated he thinks it is a fair disclosure and should be noted.

Greg Lancette – No conflicts

Leslie Garcea – No conflicts

Regina MacArthur – No conflicts

Robert Petrovich – No conflicts

CNYARTS APPLICATION FOR PROGRAM SUPOPRT FOR THE COVID-19 ARTS IMPACT FUND

Steve Butler stated he is the Executive Director of CNY Arts. He stated as we went into the quarantine and shut down arts venues of all shapes, sizes and disciplines were some of the first to be shuttered and will be the last to reopen. He stated the Board and staff felt that they needed to create a fund drive and raise \$1,000,000. He stated they project over the region that losses even

by last fall could be as high as \$55,000,000. He stated even though \$1,000,000 doesn't seem huge but in a way it is because it replaces the money that they normally give through state and municipal funding. He stated all state contracts were held up as well as reductions of municipal funding with the county. He stated they also learned through their research that a lot of organizations felt by last fall without infusions of cash they would have gone through their cash reserves. He stated now we are at the brink of a wider distribution of vaccines. He stated there are some reopening and current surveys are telling them that audiences on a 40:60 ratio, 40 are happy to come back and 60 are waiting for the vaccine to be widely distributed before exhibiting or be in a performance congregating with people. He stated their field has turned to virtual streaming and is providing product for the residents and visitors into the County and when possible do reopen with significant costs to that with protective equipment and reduced attendance. He stated the fund is crucial to their support.

Robert Petrovich stated there is support for approving this grant and he thinks we need to be mindful that the funding being put forward needs to be targeted and demonstrated that it was spent within Onondaga County. He stated he thinks there is a requirement given our bylaws. He stated he thinks Steve Butler and his organization are in agreement with that approach. Steve Butler stated absolutely and every funder that they have had goals and restrictions on their funding. He stated they are used to working in this manner and understands this is for the Arts Cultural Industry in Onondaga County. He stated there is a challenge grant out for \$100,000 and with this grant any gift will be worth twice as much to infuse the Onondagas Arts Industry with rapid funding.

Carolyn Evans-Dean stated that is wonderful the money will have an extra impact and not simply the dollars the Trust would put in.

Leslie Garcea stated she writes grants and this was really thorough, well done and brought home to her what the fund really is. She stated this really put it in focus for her. Steve Butler stated he will let staff know and it will be a motivator.

Regina McArthur stated she agrees with Ms. Garcea and it was laid out very well and that is why she doesn't have any questions. She stated she is happy with the proposal.

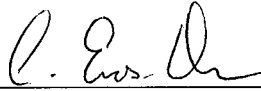
Robert Petrovich asked Carolyn Evans-Dean if at some point Steve Butler will come back before the board and give update of what happened and how this helped. Carolyn Evans-Dean stated yes.

She stated as part of the submission Mr. Butler included information on prior activities that CNY Arts had in the area from prior funding. She stated it is an expectation and staff pursues those reports. She stated we want to know what works and if it doesn't work if it is good to know for future decisions.

Steve Butler stated CNY Arts will be back before the Board with hopefully a robust report and some video clips.

Upon a motion by Regina McArthur, seconded by Leslie Garcea, the CRT Board approved a resolution approving a grant to CNY Arts for program support for the COVID-19 Arts Impact Fund. Motion was carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Leslie Garcea, seconded by Regina McArthur, the CRT Board adjourned the meeting at 9:00 am.



Carolyn Evans-Dean, Secretary