

# **Minutes of Trinity Academy for the Performing Arts**

## **Board of Director Meeting**

**May 3, 2011**

**Present: Joyce Stevos, Rob DuBlois, Melissa DuBose, Jennifer Patten, Bob DiRobbio,**

**Deirdre Newbold, Liz Richards, Peter King, Peter Mandel, Dan Corely, Ron Caniglia,**

**Absent: Richardson Ogidan, Michael VanLeesten, Joe Costa, Leonore Guerrero**

**Ex Officio: Steve Olsen**

**Meeting called to order at 5:17pm. Motion made and seconded to approve minutes from April 5th, 2011. Motion Passed.**

### **A. Nominating Committee Report:**

**Dr. Stevos reported on the new candidates for board membership, as well providing clear term endings for the existing board members. The report from the nominating committee does not include Hannah Rodriguez-Farrar (who is no longer on the board) and those board members who are appointed by the Head of School. Motion made and seconded to accept the Nominating Committee's report, as well as the nomination of the board members listed. Motion passed. Motion made and seconded to accept the nomination of officers of the TAPA**

**board. Motion passed.**

**B. Building Committee Report:**

**Dan Corley, Building Committee Chairman, reported on this morning's meeting with TRI. The meeting included sharing of architectural designs that show how TAPA can stay at 393 Broad Street for the next 2 years (SY's 2011-2012 and 2012-2013), and that there is a possibility of fitting here for SY 2013-2014 as well. Fitting here year SY 2013-2014 would likely involve TAPA use of aspects of the theatre space as a classroom. Additionally, at the meeting the committee learned that Ron Caniglia and his construction partner have committed to providing the labor to put in the LULA, and be paid at a later date if TRI is unable to raise the money to pay for the cost of the LULA in a timely manner. Dan also discussed the possibility of TAPA moving to Messer Annex or another vacated Providence Public School building. The cost and convenience of those buildings is being explored by Steve Olsen.**

**Dan Corley made a motion to reconsider last month's vote to commit to being at 393 Broad Street. Deirdre Newbold seconded the motion. Both Deirdre and Dan voted in favor last month. There was some discussion, and Dr. Stevos called the vote. Vote passed unanimously.**

**Dan Corley made a motion for the board to empower the building committee to make the final decisions about TAPA's location for next school year (year 2, SY 2011-2012), up to and including entering into**

**contracts. This would mean that the committee to work with Steve to make the decision on the space, rather than bring the building questions back to the entire board. There was some discussion, including asking whether the motion should be amended in order to include the caveat that the building committee could not decide to pull out of the TRI partnership altogether. Additional discussion included information needed to bring new board members up to speed on the background of the issue. Dan noted that Carla from SWAP has expressed an interest in coming in to work with TAPA and TRI on future building needs. Joyce called a vote and the motion passed unanimously.**

**C. Request to correct the building minutes:**

**Liz Richards made a motion to correct the errors in the April minutes, including the misspelling of numerous names, as well as the correction of the rent requested by TRI in 2013, adjusting it from the stated \$100,000 to \$80,000 (which is the accurate number).**

**D. Head of School Appointments to the board:**

**Steve has appointed Jennifer Patten (English and Historical Perspectives teacher) as well as Leonore Guerrero to the board. They begin as board members on this date. This means that Liz Richards will no longer serve as a TAPA representative on the board.**

**E. Head of School Report:**

**Steve reported on the process of hiring additional teachers for the**

**2011-2012 school year. We have finalists in the areas of Science and History, and no viable candidates in Math. We will re-review Math applicants, as well as exploring TFA candidates.**

**Steve reported on the successes of Zuleika Vidal as the Community Liaison. Since Zuleika came on board, the attendance at TAPA's monthly Talent Showcases has more than quadrupled.**

**Steve reported on the intensive drumming residency of the prior two weeks, concluding in a successful Talent Showcase performance.**

**Additional Updates:**

**Fundraising for NYC trip. Suggestion – Farmer's Markets as a place for students to do busking.**

**Updates on student data work/information.**

**Banking/finances updates: on target for 2010-2011 budget**

**Steve will send Budget and Policies to new board members.**

**Update on upcoming events/dates, including ArtsFest and Deborah Gist's visit to TAPA.**

**F. Wrap up**

**Next Meeting on June 7th at 5pm.**

**6:17pm: Motion made to adjourn. Motion moved and seconded.**