

Annual Meeting of the Piano Cleveland Board of Directors

Monday, November 13, 2023 - 5:00 PM

The Home of Beth and Clay Rankin, 36779 Cedar Road, Gates Mills, OH

Attendance: Bonnie Ivancic, Kathy Coleman, Richard Schwarz, Charles Michener, Robin Dunn Blossom, Michael Frank, Craig Mosier, John Knific, Debbie Neale, Martha Towns, Mary Smith, Iris Harvie, Celia Sinclair, Jeff Sinclair, Bill Ivancic, Jan Stern, Zeda Blau, Peta Moskowitz, Suzanne Blaser, Ken Nilsestuen, Jill Clark, David Freno, Lloyd Max Bunker, David Reimer, Paul Sequeria, Eric Barbato, Herb Wainer, Jody Wainer, Linda Olejko, Astri Seidenfeld, Robin Baum, Ted Good, Catherine Brulport, Sarah Bailey, Cindy Resch, Charles Nemer, Beth Rankin, Linda McDonald

Beth Rankin called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone at 5:20. She thanked all the board members, the committee chairs and their committees, the gang of six and past presidents Jill Clark, Zeda Blau and Herb Wainer for their commitment during the past year.

She announced that the Strategic Plan is 99.9% finished and we will receive the final plan on November 28. The Gala was a huge success with 500 in attendance. Please Invite and encourage people you know to attend the Florida tour. Board Orientation will be in January. Remember to give extra assistance to Marissa and Yaron this year as they are adjusting to working with new babies at home as well as our wonderful staff.

The Consent Agenda was Approved.

Welcome Chris Fornadel, our new Director of Philanthropy & Marketing.

Corey Knick's new title is Artist & Production Manager. He briefly described the past summer's two week Youth Competition and Institute. 29 youths from around the world participated.

Emily Shelley will be back with us in September as the Education & Community Lead. The piano Lab at the Paul Dunbar School had 40 students. We worked with Cleveland School of the Arts, Cleveland Museum of Art and the Cleveland Settlement. 1200 kids were bussed in to see *Alice and the Monsters*.

Leslie Dunn our Finance Manager remarked that her department is not the creative part of Piano Cleveland. She makes sure, "We eat what we kill" as often stated in regard to our finances.

Kathy Coleman introduced the slate of proposed new directors.

Cindy Resch

Mike Frank

Craig Mosier

Celia Sinclair

John Knific

Dave Freno

Richard Schwarz

Eric Barbato

The motion to accept the new slate of directors passed.

Proposed board officers for the coming year are:

Beth Rankin - Co-Chairman

David Dusek - 2nd Vice President

Linda McDonald - Co-Chairman

Robin Baum - Treasurer

Debbie Neale - 1st Vice President

Bonnie Ivancic - Secretary

Zeda Blau & Herb Wainer - Immediate Past Co-Chairmen

The motion to accept the new officers passed

Treasurer Robin Baum thanked the her committee and the staff for their commitment to the finances of Piano Cleveland and welcomed the new committee members. She explained that our budget is on a three year cycle due to the cycle of CIPC years and the fluctuation of incomes and expenses. Covid also affected the budget. We have 1.5 million dollars in net assets. Our portfolios have gained 12.7% and 86% of our budget has been collected so please pay your board pledge now. We show a \$59k loss for this year but had projected a \$50k gain. The 2022 audit was clean.

The motion to accept the 2024 budget passed.

Executive Director Marissa Moore remarked “The Future is Grand”. The new Strategic Plan will guide our way. Our international and local reputations have both soared as we are on our way to be the best piano organization and competition in the world. Hopefully our piano lab students will become our future contestants. We are working on our new Mission and DEI Statements. They will be brought before the board for approval when completed.

President Yaron Kohlberg welcomed everyone and spoke of the First Round of the 2024 competition to be held live in April in Paris. We are all invited and invitations will be mailed soon. The Florida tour will be in January and February. He encouraged attendance and asked for names of potential Florida contacts. All dates and particulars are on the cards available tonight. We are in need of additional members of the Jury Host and the Contestant Host committees. This year we are going to be hungry as the Cleveland Orchestra’s fee is \$300k. January 17 there will be a

concert in a brewery. Invite everyone to every event. They have never been bad!

Regina Eisenberg and Catherine Brulport are the Co-Chairmen for the Bravo Piano Gala to be held on August 11 at the Cleveland Museum of Art.

A new Board Business portal will be available soon. Refer to it for all pertinent and current information.

Remember to fill out 'Conflict of Interest' and 'Board Directory' forms. Additional copies are available tonight. Also the photographer is available tonight to shoot board head shots before or after dinner.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20.

A delicious Buffet Dinner was served as everyone socialized and took turns getting photographed.

Respectfully submitted
Bonnie Ivancic