Colorado Springs Philharmonic Board Meeting – November 18, 2022, 3:00pm Meeting Minutes

Directors Present: Pamela Shockley-Zalabak, Ken Montera, Martha Barton, Nathan Newbrough, Al Buettner, Anthony Carlson, Mike Edmonds, Michael Hanson, Cathy Holaday, David Kunstle, Deb Mahan, Lance Miller, Margaret Sabin, David Siegel, Sally Sharpe, Dolly Wong, Jeremy Van Hoy

Directors Absent: Josep Caballé-Domenech, Ron Brasch, Herman Tiemens, Bill Cosper, John Street, Joel Yuhas, Chris Jenkins, Robin Roberts

Staff and Guests: Dawn Conley, Lynn Holaday, Jim Williamson, Cathy Toscano

Consent Agenda: Pamela Shockley-Zalabak brought the meeting to order at 3:05pm and asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September meeting. Ken Montera made the motion and it was seconded by Martha Barton. The motion passed unanimously.

Philharmonic Guild Report: Dawn Conley reported that she is working with Catherine Creppon on finalizing a date and the menu for the Winter Dinner. Tentatively the date is February 23rd. The Guild is gearing up and finalizing volunteers for the Nutcracker Boutique Fundraiser for Thanksgiving weekend.

Musicians' Report: Jeremy Van Hoy reported that the musicians are hopeful and excited around strengthening programs and presentations for kids and that public funding in the Pikes Peak area is supportive. A discussion followed.

CEO Report: Nathan Newbrough reported that the contract is signed with the Colorado Springs Youth Symphony Association for a partnership for a planned side-by-side performance on May 7, 2023. The forecast for ticket sales is not surprising. The 3 and 4 packs are selling well and the holiday performances for the Nutcracker and the Christmas Symphony are running hot. We anticipate the same for the New Year's Eve performance. The Philharmonic has joined the Black Chamber of Commerce and we are already members of the Hispanic Chamber. Nathan welcomed out newest staff members, Brett Garman, Alexandra Belone, and Sara Tadkin. A discussion followed.

Music Director Search: Pamela Shockley-Zalabak announced that the individual small group meetings are nearing conclusion and a large group meeting will be scheduled soon. She also asked that we have planning sessions during our board meetings to address issues/themes. Members were separated into small groups and asked to discuss our strategic cultural plans and report out. Discussion followed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40pm.