



## POTOMAC RIVER JAZZ CLUB

Board of Directors Meeting

10 February 2021

Attendance: Barry Kelly, Tim Onasch, Bill McFadden, Chuck Enlind, Joel Albert, Judy Robinson, Les Elkins, John Stewart, Debbie Lew, Bob Lew, Lois Beaver, Elie Cossa, and Bunnie Roncevic.

### **Call to Order: 8:00PM**

The PRJC Board was held on Wednesday, February 10 via Zoom. The following topics were discussed:

1. Administrative Matters: Joel Albert will be submitting the incorporation documents to the Commonwealth of Virginia on Thursday February, 11. Following the club's incorporation in Virginia, the club will be able to pursue grant money in Virginia. Judy Robinson reported that membership renewals are coming in slowly and that there are still 48 members from 2020 who have not renewed for 2021.
2. PRJC Website: Debbie Lew made several updates to the website based on board member's input. The club will hold off on pursuing an entirely new website until additional grant funding has been received. At that time the possibility of commissioning a new website will be re-visited.
3. PRJC 50th Anniversary Event: Tim Onasch is waiting to hear back from Joe Marks at Rosensteel Hall regarding the availability of Rosensteel for the first choice date of September 25, or second choice date, September 12, if our first choice is not available. For performers, the following are being considered at this time:
  - A. Dave Robinson will be able to put together an All Star Band, however individual performers will not be invited until after a firm date has been established.
  - B. Capitol Focus Jazz Band
  - C. Harry Watters All Stars, (John Stewart will pursue)
  - D. Jim Ritter is interested in putting together a band (Bunnie Roncevic will speak with Jim.)

Other performers being considered for either the 50th Anniversary Event or a monthly special in 2021 are Tex Wyndham's All Stars and Dave Sager's Pie In The Sky Jazz Band.

4. Hats and Polo Shirts: 50 hats and 50 polo shirts will be ordered in the spring with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo which the Board will decide on. They will be a promotional item sold at live events when they resume and will be sold at the 50th Anniversary Event. The prices agreed upon for the shirts are \$25 if purchased at an event or \$30 if they are to be shipped. The hats agreed prices are \$15 if sold at an event and \$20 if they are to be shipped. The breakdown for the polo shirts order is: 5 Small, 12 Medium, 16 Large, 15 X Large and 2 XX Large.

5. Treasurer's Report: Bob Lew circulated the report to the Board via email on February, 7. Two large donations have recently been made to the PRJC by Joe Voight and Kurt Vener. In the future, donations to the PRJC will be reported to Elie Cossa so that the donors can be recognized in *Tailgate Ramblings*; donors may remain anonymous if they choose. The PRJC has made a small amount of money on the virtual events and the events have averaged approximately 15 viewers.

The PRJC will continue to provide virtual programming until the time comes when live events will be possible again.

6. Supplemental Grant from the Montgomery County Arts and Humanities Council: Bunnie Roncevic reported that a supplemental grant was received by the PRJC in the amount of \$441.42 was received, with no time limit for when the funds are required to be spent.

7. PRJC 50th Anniversary Logo: A vote of the Board will be taken at the next meeting. Copies of the logos being considered will be emailed to the Board prior to the meeting for consideration.

8. Banu Gibson Virtual Event: The event will be shifted to May. Joel Albert will work out a date with Banu. The difficulty is securing the availability of the US Mint in New Orleans.

9. Upcoming Events:

Laissez Foure will be performing a virtual event on Sunday February, 28 at 2 PM at Calvary Lutheran Church

Orleans Express will be performing a virtual event on Sunday April, 11 (the Sunday after Easter) at 2 PM at Calvary Lutheran Church

Ben Mauger's Vintage Jazz Band will be performing for the PRJC on Sunday June, 27 as either a virtual event or a live event depending on the situation.

The Jefferson Street Strutters may play a virtual event in March, possibly on March, 21, to be discussed with JSS.

Jazz Discussions: Elie Cossa is working on two educational talks, one with John Hasse on Duke Ellington: Stride and Ragtime in March, possibly either Wednesday March 3 or Wednesday March 17, and one by Dave Robinson on the creation of the PRJC to be presented in April.

10. The Board voted unanimously to provide Honorary PRJC Memberships to Judith Korey and Reuben Jackson, who presented the educational seminar on the Felix E Grant Jazz Archive at the University of the District of Columbia (UDC) on February, 3.

11. Sponsorships: Discussion was postponed until the next Board meeting. Three possible levels for sponsorship by members above and beyond their membership dues are:

Friends: <\$75; Sustainer: \$75 to \$150; Premier: >\$150

The Board will vote on whether to use these three levels or additional/different sponsorship levels.

12. The next PRJC Board of Directors Meeting will be held by Zoom conference call on Wednesday February, 24 at 8:00 PM.

Bill McFadden, Recording Secretary

**Meeting Adjourned: 9:15PM**