

MINUTES
WAR MEMORIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Thursday, April 10, 2008

The Board of Trustees of the War Memorial of San Francisco met in regular session at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 10, 2008, in the Trustees' Board Room, War Memorial Opera House, and President Horn presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: President Horn, Trustee Bashford, Trustee Davis, Trustee Moscone, Trustee Myatt, Trustee Pelosi, and Trustee Shultz;

Absent: Vice President Bechtle, Trustee Farrow, Trustee Jarman, and Trustee Tsakopoulos-Kounalakis.

Staff Present: Elizabeth Murray, Managing Director
Gregory Ridenour, Assistant Managing Director/Executive Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Horn called for approval of the minutes of the March 13, 2008 regular meeting of the Board. On motion of Trustee Moscone, seconded by Trustee Bashford, the minutes were unanimously approved.

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Rental Requests: Ms. Murray reported that rental requests mailed to Trustees are routine and requested their approval. On motion of Trustee Moscone, seconded by Trustee Bashford, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 08-15

RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of the War Memorial of San Francisco that the following rental requests are hereby approved:

HERBST THEATRE

Art Institute of California at SF		\$1,500.00
Summer Student Orientation	July 11, 2008	
Graduation	September 26, 2008	
Graduation	December 12, 2008	
French American International School	June 5, 2009	\$500.00
Graduation		
ArtsPower	November 12, 2008	\$2,100.00
2008-09 School Tour	February 9, 2009	
	March 10, 2009	
	April 6, 2009	
KPIX – CBS 5	January 14, 2009	\$750.00
Jefferson Awards Ceremony		

Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra 2008-09 Season	September 19, 2008 October 24, 2008 November 13, 2008 December 12, 2008 February 5, 2009 March 27, 2009 April 24, 2009	\$5,250.00
Slow Food Nation Food for Thought: Speaker & Food Series	August 29 – September 1, 2008	\$3,400.00

Additional Rental Requests: Ms. Murray requested approval of additional rental requests as submitted. On motion of Trustee Shultz, seconded by Trustee Moscone, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 08-16

RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of the War Memorial of San Francisco that the following additional rental requests are hereby approved:

LOUISE M. DAVIES SYMPHONY HALL

Another Planet Entertainment Bill Maher	August 8, 2008	\$2,200.00 vs. 10% \$6,500.00 maximum
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HERBST THEATRE

Q Productions, Inc. Papillon 7: Lea Salonga & Patti Austin	June 3, 4, 2008	\$2,200.00
K Square, Inc. Mick Fleetwood Uncorked Tour	June 15, 2008	\$1,100.00
Leakey Foundation 2008 Leakey Prize Awards, featuring Dr. Jane Goodall and Dr. Toshisada Nishida	October 31, 2008	\$750.00

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Revenue, Appropriations and Status of Building Projects Reports for March 2008: Mr. Ridenour referred to the Revenue, Appropriations, and Status of Building Projects Reports for March 2008, and requested a resolution to approve housekeeping expenditures as submitted. On motion of Trustee Shultz, seconded by Trustee Moscone, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 08-17

RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of the War Memorial of San Francisco that Purchase Order Nos. WM080351 through WM080401 are hereby approved.

REGULAR ITEMS

San Francisco Symphony - Request to Install Exhibit in Davies Symphony Hall: President Horn stated that Trustees have received a copy of the letter from the San Francisco Symphony requesting permission to install an exhibit entitled "Treasures from the Thomashefskys" in Davies Symphony Hall, from June 11 – 15, 2008, in conjunction with the Symphony's "Thomashefskys" multi-media production. He noted that as described in the Symphony's letter, the exhibit is to be located in the orchestra level lobby under the grand stairway, and will consist of three free-standing display units. President Horn stated that staff is recommending approval of this

request. Following discussion, and on motion of Trustee Pelosi, seconded by Trustee Bashford, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 08-18

RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of the War Memorial of San Francisco that it hereby approves the request of the San Francisco Symphony to install an exhibit entitled “Treasures from the Thomashefskys” in Davies Symphony Hall from June 11 – 15, 2008, in conjunction with the Symphony’s “Thomashefskys” multi-media production.

San Francisco Ballet/San Francisco Opera – Proposed Upgrades to Opera House Stage Rigging Systems:

President Horn stated that regular items #2 and #3 on today’s meeting agenda, concerning proposals and requests from the San Francisco Ballet and San Francisco Opera for upgrades to Opera House stage and main curtain rigging systems, will be referred to the Board’s Building Committee. He stated that the Ballet and Opera will be providing written information on their proposals, including details on the scope, schedule and estimated costs of proposed stage rigging upgrades. President Horn asked the Building Committee to schedule a meeting to review the proposals and requests submitted by the Ballet and Opera, and to consider and adopt recommendations for presentation to the full Board.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Trustee Myatt addressed the Board regarding a recent event in the Herbst Theatre, which honored a group that is demonstratively anti-military. Trustee Myatt stated that as Trustees, he feels there is need to demonstrate to veterans, for whom the Veterans Building is dedicated, that by approving rental requests, the Board is not endorsing or supporting any licensee activities in the Veterans Building that would dishonor the men and women who are serving—or who have served—in the military. Trustee Myatt suggested the Board consult with the City Attorney on this issue.

President Horn noted that this issue has come up on several occasions and he feels seeking counsel from the City Attorney is appropriate. He asked staff to contact the City Attorney’s Office, to arrange for appropriate deputy city attorney(s) to attend a future Board meeting to discuss appropriate criteria that the Board should follow, as well as any statements of policy that the Board might adopt, pertaining to this issue.

MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

American Legion War Memorial Commission Letter: President Horn stated that Trustees have received a copy of the March 20, 2008 letter addressed to members of the American Legion War Memorial Commission from LeRue Grim, Commission Chair, regarding uses of Veterans Building space by San Francisco American Legion Posts pursuant to the War Memorial Trust Agreement. President Horn stated that this letter will added to the correspondence file for the Board’s Special Committee on the Veterans Building Upgrade.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Captain Michael Gerold, Commander of American Legion Post 911, addressed the Board regarding the work of this newly formed Post, and he invited Trustees to attend the Post’s “California Tribute to Heroes Gala” event on May 9, 2008, in the Veterans Building Green Room. Captain Gerold stated that his Post looks forward to working with the Trustees in a new era of cooperation and partnership.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Horn adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Gregory P. Ridenour
Executive Secretary