



Syracuse City Arts Council January 7th, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Present: LeAnna Hamblin, Daphne Lynch, Christopher Weaver, Libby Fawcett, Heather Syrett, Bradley Hamblin, Taylor Sachs, Kresta Robinson, Dave Maughan

Absent: Kenzie Buckway, Jason Anderson

Meeting called to order @ 8:06 pm

January 7th agenda adopted as written

November 5th minutes approved as written

Budget expenditures since November 5th approved

Public Comment

- Meridon Meddleship, she would like to help out in any way she can!
- Brandee Burke Present

Discussion of Upcoming Events

Orchestra: Concerts on March 23rd and May 9th

Jazz Band: Christmas Concert on December 1st

Jr. Theatre: The Lion King Jr., Nov. 6th-8th, 2025, Broadway Bootcamp 2026

Theatre: The Wizard of Oz, July 2026

Orchestra Concert on March 23rd Guest Artist Discussion and Vote

- Jason Tonioli would love to perform with our orchestra, he would also like to bring violinist John Knudson with him. Jason will take care of costs related to John's inclusion. LeAnna motioned to sign the contract with Jason Tonioli as discussed with John Knudson as an additional quest artist at no cost to the arts council, Heather seconded, all present motioned "ay". It was approved to set ticket pricing at \$15 per ticket or \$5 off each ticket if you buy 6 or more.

Bingo Night Discussion - Ideas for Our Own Fundraising

- The mayor encouraged us to look elsewhere for hosting our fundraisers. Ideas were suggested as to ways we could fundraise in other ways, there were several suggestions as to ways we could fundraise in conjunction with the Wizard of Oz theme.

New Board Member Discussion and Vote

- Carson Bateman would like to join the arts council. He demonstrated his talent and dedication during The Lion King Jr. We will keep in mind that Carson would like to join the arts council but at this time we don't have a specific role that needs filling. We will encourage Carson and others who are interested to be involved in SCAC productions or to join a committee should one be needed.

Wish Lists

- Heather needs data on how long the Arts Council has been around and on its impact to entice grants. We discussed and notably, this is the arts council's 20th year in operation.

Walk-In Items

- Christopher's email is not working properly, as a temporary solution LeAnna asked him for his list of emails and said she would send his emails to the orchestra members.
- Heather asked about who our sponsors are and how much they donated so that she can send out thank you letters.

Meeting adjourned @ 9:44 pm