

Hello all,

Undoubtedly, if you follow us closely, you have read our previous letter and have seen that we have recently taken down the posts and GoFundMe relating to it. We have done this at the request of the Union Executive Board so that we may correct some inaccuracies in our original communication. In good faith, we will now correct those statements that may have been miscommunicated.

First, we address the assertion that there has been no progress made towards the restoration of the Playhouse. While we may not have recognized any ongoing progress externally, there has actually been a lot of communication within the Institute and the Union to take time and ensure that collaboration in this effort is appropriate and within the proper channels so that funding can ultimately be acquired through sanctioned means.

Throughout our several meetings with some members of the Union Administration, there was information conveyed that was changed rather rapidly, going back and forth from week to week. There were some inconsistencies in what was communicated to us, to our Alumni, and to the Institute as a whole. While such miscommunication can be very frustrating and, at times, unclear, we acknowledge that this was not done out of malice. Additionally, this does not imply that no progress was being made.

Finally, while the assistance from the Union in day-to-day activities may not have been in the form we have hoped, we also acknowledge that they have provided assistance where they could. The Players have worked hard to find and negotiate spaces and time for rehearsals and performances, and the Union did help to evaluate the resulting agreements and ultimately communicate with the other parties about funding and other administrative needs. Also, the Union itself does not take a 10% cut off of the top of donations, that is instead an Institute policy. Our hope is that in upcoming efforts we can come to an agreement that will allow all properly raised funds to go towards the direct support of the Playhouse restoration effort without the 10% mark.

In our letter, we felt that we were doing our best to communicate the situation to those interested parties who were unknowingly ignorant. We apologize for any harm we may have caused as a result. It was not our intention to do so. Moving forward, we will be working more in tandem with the Union and the Institute to provide a sanctioned avenue for funding the building repair and restoration.

Thank you all for your patience and assistance over the past week. We really do appreciate everything you all have done for us.

The RPI Players