

Fredericton Arts Alliance Board Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2006
Edmund Casey 324, STU

Present: Maria Bourgeois, Peter Gorham, Russ Hunt, Karen LeBlanc, Maggie McLaughlin, Roslyn Rosenfeld, George Strunz

1. Call to Order

2. Adoption of the Agenda: Strunz/Hunt

3. Approval of the Minutes of April 20: Rosenfeld/Hunt that the minutes be adopted with item 6 c to read "Keswick Valley Memorial School".

4. Treasurer's Report: acceptance moved LeBlanc/Gorham. The statement balanced perfectly, with good news that grants of \$7000 and \$1000 had been received from ARTSNB and Downtown Fredericton respectively.

5. Co-ordinator's Report:

In her written report Maria noted two grants received from the city, as well as funding for a summer student who would start June 19th. Casemates insurance will cost \$350, with jurying for the program to take place Friday, May 19. There was an invitation to attend the Greater F'ton Tourism Assoc. AGM. In future the FAA might consider nominating an artist under categories for "Business of the Year" or "Tourism Photography". She also noted the successful nomination of Charlotte Glencross for Excellence in Community Cultural Development. In discussion she noted that we would be \$1000 short for the Casemates program. It was agreed that we could solve the shortfall by stopping the program just before Harvest Jazz and Blues and holding an exhibition of participants' work at the City Hall Gallery (or possibly Connexion or the College of Craft & Design). Maria would contact Angela Watson.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes:

a) Update on Chinese Artists visits: Karen and Maria are working hard on this. The official opening will be June 5th with the banquet scheduled for the 7th.

b) Angela Watson will not be available for a presentation until the fall.

c) Arts Education Evening: This is an issue that we need to keep working on. A new concern was that summer art programs are needed on the North Side.

d) Arts Evening on ARTSNB: another event better held in the fall. ARTSNB is willing.

e) Brainstorming Session on Province-wide Organization: During the discussion Karen suggested approaching the Dept. of Post Secondary Training, under the Adjustment Services Initiative to fund the hiring of a consultant to organize this whole endeavour. Such a consultant could put the committee together to invite appropriate organizations and handle the brainstorming session (and virtually shepherd the new organization into being). Funding for this service is available to non-profits at the 75% level. The Arts Branch could be approached to cover the remaining 25%. She suggested that George meet with Peter McLean of the department concerned and also with Desmond Maillet. This met with general approval.

7. New Business:

a) Report on Saint John Arts Summit: The participation of the FAA was well-received as was the suggestion of forming a province-wide organization.

8. Varia:

Russ reported that he had met Kent Wakely in Toronto and that he seemed competent and interested in setting up a website for us. He asked about a mechanism for removing outdated material automatically. Russ also learned that the desirable domain name NBAA.ca was still available and would cost only \$12.95/yr.

9. Date and location of next meeting: June 21st – **note the move to Wednesday evening.**

Adjournment moved by Karen LeBlanc

Minutes prepared by Roslyn Rosenfeld, Rec. Sec.