

Fredericton Arts Alliance Board Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2006
Edmund Casey 324, STU

Present: Maria Bourgeois, Katie FitzRandolph, Peter Gorham, Russ Hunt, Karen LeBlanc, Neil McGill, Steven Peacock, Roslyn Rosenfeld, George Strunz

1. Call to Order

2. Adoption of the Agenda: Hunt/Peacock

3. Approval of the Minutes of May 18: Rosenfeld/LeBlanc

4. Treasurer's Report: acceptance moved LeBlanc/Hunt with correction of "horaria" to read honoraria". There was discussion of possible difficulties mid-summer if grants pending were not received by that time. Moved: FitzRandolph/Peacock that the president and signing officers set up a \$5000 line of credit as soon as possible. Subsidiary motion: FitzRandolph/ Peacock that this line of credit be used only when the board is assured of funds coming.

5. Co-ordinator's Report:

a) Chinese artists' visit: Though rushed, the visit was a success, with good attendance at demonstrations, workshops and banquet, as well as good press coverage. Maria recommended that in future such events be planned a year in advance, and perhaps not for the spring when finances are often tight.

b) Casemates: The program was launched on schedule, though the first week was hampered by rain. The city has agreed to host an exhibition of casemate participants. The brochure can be printed once a line of credit has been secured.

c) Summer Student: Maria feels this year's student, Bridget Spence, to be very promising and suggests that we make good use of her services.

6. Provincial organization:

a) Visit with Desmond Maillet: Karen, Maria and George had been to discuss this idea with Desmond on June 9th. There seems to be support for the idea, though funding sources will not be as great as for the AAPNB. George has worries that funding for the FAA may dry up if it has to compete with a provincial organization.

b) There seems a strong chance of assistance (25%) if the Adjustment Services Initiative of the Dept of Post Secondary training provides 75% funding for a consultant to manage the process. Karen will try to set up a meeting with Peter Mclean in early July, with Desmond also to attend.

c) Betty Tompkins has assured George of support from Saint John.

7. New Business:

Arts News Contract: A contract has been signed with Amani at her request. Changes may be considered in the fall to recognize the extra hours she puts in, especially for months with five weeks. Maria noted that she had worked 140 overtime hours last year and 70 so far this year.

8. Varia:

a) We extend best wishes to Bob Barriault who has left ARTSNB and has moved to Halifax.

b) Russ submitted a revised editorial policy for The Arts News. Moved FitzRandolph/Hunt that it be approved in principle, with amendments possible until the end of June.

c) Mary Blatherwick suggests that we meet with Suzanne Hill about the Education evening.

9. Date and location of next meeting: September 13 – again a Wednesday evening

Respectfully submitted by Roslyn Rosenfeld, Recording Secretary