

**Fredericton Arts Alliance Board Meeting Minutes**  
**January 17, 2007**  
**Edmund Casey 324, STU**

Present: Maria Bourgeois, Dianne Roxborough Brown, Katie FitzRandolph, Russ Hunt, Maggie McLaughlin, Darren McLeod, Tony Merzetti, Roslyn Rosenfeld, George Strunz, Amani Wassef

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Agenda: Russ/George - with the addition of items regarding Ned Bear and Mark Leonard under Correspondence
3. Adoption of Minutes: Russ/Katie - with correction noting Darren McLeod as present on December 13.
4. Welcome to new board member Diane Brown, and to Amani Wassef, FAA *ARTSnews*
5. Arts News editorial policy regarding retail advertising: Roslyn/Diane that the policy draft presented by Amani be accepted with the exception of item 9, the latter to be tabled and revised by email. Amani suggested that this policy be available as a hyperlink to the Arts News.
6. Congratulations: to Karen for her ARTSNB grant, to Maria and Brigid for their successful Channel 10 interview, and many thanks to Katie for hosting the January 10 potluck.
7. Treasurer's Report: Katie/Darren moved acceptance of reports for both November and December.
8. Coordinator's Report:
  - a) Maria reported that PSETL would devote \$40,000 to the creation of a provincial arts alliance, that \$15,000 from the Arts Branch had already been received toward this end and that the committee was coming together. Board discussion noted that people in film and performing arts from other regions are needed.
  - b) Fredericton has accepted the concept of Learning Vacations with a limited program to take place in 2008, growth in 2009, and the full program in place for 2010.
  - c) Negotiations continue with David Seabrook regarding venues for casemates workshops, as well as their length.
  - d) The newly established Capital Commission met on January 11 for public input, with others planned - one for Municipalities and First Nations and another for universities and economic groups.
  - e) Remittances are up to date, and grant reports submitted. A city budget grant for \$5670 had been received for the Arts News.
  - f) Changes in signing authority by new board members need to be made.

## 9. January Activities:

- i) and ii) Maggie had signed the formal agreement with PSETL on December 15 towards formation of an Adjustment Committee to establish a provincial arts alliance (with \$15,000 as the initial allotment). As noted by Maria, this committee is being formed.
- iii) A meeting of the UNB Focus Group had been held to identify needs and priorities.
- iv) Maggie, Steve Goudy and Megan Black had met with Andy Scott to discuss concerns of the Canadian Coalition of the Arts, e.g., sustainable funding for the Canada Council and 2007 as the Year of Craft.
- v) Maggie and Darren had met with Kelly Lamrock regarding the Capital Commission.
- vi) as reported by Maria
- vii) Maggie suggested items for the Opinions page the *Daily Gleaner* to further public visibility of the FAA, building on the success of the Rogers interview.

## 10. New Business:

- i) A committee consisting of Katie, Russ and Darren was established to review and update FAA by-laws. It is to include guidelines for how we operate and policy to deal with harassment.
- ii) Katie/George that a committee be established to review the contract and policies of the Casemates Program. Members will include Maria, Brigid (or Marilyn Mazerolle) and Roslyn, with others to be added if necessary.
- iii) Revisions to the FAA brochure seemed necessary, especially after the Channel 10 interview. Katie offered to work on the design and wording with input from Maria, subject to final approval by the board.

## 11. Correspondence:

- With regard to Ned Bear's suggestions about a differential in honoraria for established and emerging artists, it was decided to point out that changes were impossible before the grant deadline, but that the matter would be given serious consideration.
- There had been correspondence from Mark Leonard, who is organizing a performance of the work of Janis Kalnins by the Vancouver Chamber Choir. It was acknowledged that Mark was one of the first to call for an arts alliance in Fredericton, following the death of Christina Sabat.

Date and Location of Next Meeting: February 28 at 5:00 PM. Note the earlier start time.

Respectfully submitted by Roslyn Rosenfeld, Recording Secretary