

**Fredericton Arts Alliance
Board Meeting
Minutes [September 26, 2007]
EC 324 St. Thomas University**

1. Call to order – 5:08pm

Present: Maria Bourgeois, Maggie McLaughlin, Sabine Campbell, George Strunz, Karen LeBlanc, Darren McLeod, Russ Hunt, Tony Merzetti, Diane Roxborough Brown
Not Present: Katie FitzRandolph

2. Adoption of Agenda.

MOTION: Sabine, 2nd: George passed

3. Approval of June 27th minutes

MOTION: Russ 2nd: Darren passed

4. Business arising out of Minutes:

I) FAA Arts Evenings – Maggie was disappointed with the turnout for *Children and the Arts* event last night (22 attended). Great presentations by Leigh Rivenbark, Ilkay Silk, Tanya Breen & Pam Whitty. Concentration on Performing Arts didn't necessarily cover all other arts.

FAA Arts Evening Committee: George and Karen.

June 27th minutes list 4 potential sessions we could do.

Considerations for sessions we do: have a decision maker on panel – someone who could make a difference. Get help from teachers themselves. Mary Blatherwick and Suzanne Hill could be consulted too – they've talked a lot about it.

Maria suggested that Contract Law session could be done by students she has.

George brought up marketing event similar to the one in Saint John as a possibility here.

PANB event was both media and marketing. Darren suggested doing one conjointly with PANB on this event.

Involve Enterprise Fredericton in sponsoring these events, but we'd do the work. Sarah Irvine could be approached about piece on marketing for artists.

ii) **By law review** – Darren and Russ updated everyone on the work done on the bylaws by themselves and Katie. The 20 page document is now down to 10 pages. Should we adopt a corporate seal? Russ has a rubberduck corporate seal – may be able to use casing and get a new rubber seal made for us. We should run the final document past a lawyer to insure it is legally correct.

MOTION: Russ 2nd: Darren that we run this past a lawyer when it's done, preferably pro-bono. Passed

5. Treasurers report

The financial statement was circulated to the board. Karen reported that everything is in order and correct, no differences.

MOTION: Karen, 2nd Diane to accept Treasurers Report – passed.

6. Coordinators Report

Maria briefed the board on some highlights from her report.

7. Consultant's Report

Maria said we still don't have the timeline for the entire project from Jennifer. It was requested many times. Jennifer assigned a new advisor to the board: Julian LeBlanc. He is living in Montreal now, and doesn't live here. Because he is an advisor so his distance shouldn't be a problem.

8. Appointing a Recording Secretary

We discussed having it on a rotating basis. Diane will do next month's meeting and Tony offered to do it in the rotation. Maria offered to help Diane by reviewing the minutes after her first session.

9. Filling Board Vacancy

Discussed candidates: Peter Gross (photographer), Karen Ruet (reporter, photographer), John LeRoux (architect), Deana Musgrave (artist), Meredith Snider (Gallery Connexion), Stephanie Weirathmueller (artist), Judy Blake (potter), Roger Smith (photographer), Janet Clarke (piano), Chris Giles, Whitefeather. We will approach some of these people to see if they will run for the board – get half-page bios for the AGM.

People will be approached in the following order about running for the board: 1. John LeRoux (George), 2. Deana Musgrave (Darren), 3. Judy Blake (Sabine), 4. Peter Gross (George), 5. Roger Smith (Russ)

10. Task Force on Non Profit Agencies

Good report and hopefully a lot of the recommendations will be implemented. Agency will be set up with deputy minister and a budget will be set in March.

11. Wellness, Culture and Sport: Funding status for the next fiscal year discussion: Impact, strategy, vision

We were cut \$2,000 this year and more next year and eventually it will be little or no funding. They never intended to support regional groups. We may have to apply to Partnership Program (up to \$5000 only). Under NB Arts Alliance there will be more money – may get up to \$50,000 – but not eligible for the full amount in the first year. We need a new model, strategy for funding the future. City still funds Arts News. Desmond suggested other avenues of support (CHRC, Canada Council, ACOA). George suggests we talk to George Fry to learn if we had applied to Canada Council before. Russ says we need to see the timeline right away. Jennifer promised Karen that we would get enough done on the Provincial Alliance initiative to be able to apply for funding in time. Business NB supports LearnNB and that could be an opportunity for funding.

12. Artists in Residence Program, casemates

We lost funding and can only do 2 months in the summer, not 4 months. City wants 4 months but this year we got away with doing no weeks in June and two weeks in September.

13. Fredericton Tourism Adventures program/FAA arts workshops

Our workshops this year were not well attended. Sabine said there was little publicity out there it wasn't clear where they were or when. We had posters out, the Arts News and city advertising – what we could afford. George brought up that UNB (Judith Potter) does a lot of workshops in summer. Maggie says we are not a school and don't have a location for the workshops. The City accepted 2 of our proposals. Maria had to do resumes for artists and a lot of work for the proposal. It was suggested that we could recommend artists but not take the risk of running programs as part of Adventures since the program is unlikely to ever be a fundraiser for us—which was why we were originally interested.

MOTION: FAA should not to run the workshops, but offer assistance to the city in an advisory capacity by George, 2nd Sabine. Passed

14. Other business – date for AGM

November 21st Wednesday 7:00pm at Charlotte Street Arts Centre

15. Adjournment at 6:45pm.

MOTION: Russ 2nd Diane passed.

Next meetings to be held at EC 324, STU at 5:00pm, October 23, November 28, 2007

Minutes recorded by Tony Merzetti