

Fredericton Arts Alliance Board Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2007
Edmund Casey 324, STU

Present: Maria Bourgeois, Dianne Roxborough Brown, Sabine Campbell, Russ Hunt, Maggie McLaughlin, Tony Merzetti, George Strunz

Regrets: Katie FitzRandolph, Karen LeBlanc, Darren MacLeod

A moment of silent reflection for Neil MacGill was observed.

1. Call to Order

2. Adoption of Agenda:

Sabine/Tony with correction to change of date of the previous meeting from June 27, 2007 to Sept 26, 2007 and to change item 13 to "Other Business" and to make item 14 "Call for Adjournment".

3. Approval of Sept. 26 Minutes:

George/Dianne with correction to eliminate the word "can" from item 12 and to add the word "approximately" to "22 attended" in item 4.

4. Adjustment Committee Report:

In discussion, some concerns were brought up with the way Jennifer Phillips conducted meetings and with her lack of promptness in returning messages. Maria has approached Jennifer and had addressed the communication problem. Maggie has also talked to Jennifer about her concerns.

5. Business arising out of the Minutes:

- i) FAA Arts Evenings: After some discussion, it was decided that the first FAA Arts Evening will coincide with the AGM and will feature Jennifer Phillips who will present her work so far in researching the formation of a provincial arts alliance. It is hoped that a second Arts Evening will occur in March 2008.
- ii) By-law review: It was agreed that the latest revisions of the by-laws look good. There are still some possible edits from the last round of emails but they are all straightforward. These final changes need to be made within two weeks. George agreed to find a lawyer to look at the revisions. George moved that the by-laws should include the Co-coordinator as a signing officer as well as members of the executive. Tony seconded. The revised by-laws need to be passed at the AGM.
- iii) Nominations for position on Board: Deanne Musgrave was approached but she felt that she was quite inexperienced with boards and may be leaving town in one year. She expressed a conflict of interest since she benefits from the Artist-in-Residence program. For these reasons the board decided that she would not be an ideal candidate. Tony will approach Whitefeather as a potential option. A second choice is Meredith Snyder.

6. Treasurer's Report: Tony/Sabine moved adoption

7. Co-coordinator's Report:

George Fry had nominated the FAA for an arts award but was unsuccessful. Maria will call ArtsNB to make sure that they are clear on what the FAA is and to make sure there is no confusion with the FAL.

8. Art Trek coverage by justfred.ca:

After some discussion, it was concluded that caution must be taken when dealing with justfred.ca. It was agreed that there was a copyright infringement by justfred.ca and the Art Trek images have been removed from the website and justfred.ca has been made aware of the infringement.

9. Presentation to Kelly Lamrock:

Maggie thanked all who helped and gave input for her presentation to Kelly Lamrock. He seemed receptive to her comments on Art Education. He said that he would speak to the ministers on the FAA funding and that FAA would receive invitations to the provincial forums on education. Maggie felt that it was a very positive meeting.

10. Establish a strategic planning committee:

Need to wait to see what funding will be giving to FAA and wait until we know how the formation of a provincial alliance will affect the FAA before forming a strategic planning committee. Maria will explore funding possibilities. Tabled until after the AGM.

11. Annual General Meeting:

Will take place on November 21, 2007 at 7PM in the auditorium of the Charlotte St. Arts Centre which was offered for free by Penny Ericson. The meeting will start with a memorial for Neil MacGill given by George. He will invite anyone who wishes to share a memory of Neil. Then the business meeting will take place followed by 10-15 minutes for refreshments. Maria will make coffee and tea and each board member will contribute some sweets. Then Jennifer will make her presentation. Maria will get out word of the AGM by notifying members of FAA, arts groups and the press.

George will resend the list of board members and their status. George/Karen/Dianne will approach members whose terms are up to see if they are willing to reoffer.

FAA members will be emailed ten days prior to the AGM, informing them that the by-laws can be found on the FAA website. It is crucial that the by-law revisions get to a lawyer within two weeks so that they will be ready to be posted in time.

12. Letterhead, brochures, business cards:

Maggie asked board members to have brochures on hand so that they can give them out when the opportunity arises. Sabine will post some at Memorial Hall, UNB. Sabine suggested printing the next batch on coloured paper and Maria said that colour printing may be possible after the funding is in place. For letterhead, the board is to use the PDF. Printing of business cards will wait until after the funding is in place. Maria can make temporary business cards.

13. Other Business:

Legislative reporter for the Telegraph-Journal, Quentin Casey, approached Maggie about the provincial group. He would like to interview Maggie for an article for the newspaper. Maggie voiced a concern that information may get misinterpreted and if that happened, the article could possibly be damaging. After some discussion, it was decided that the article should not be put on hold but should go ahead and that Maggie would make the point to the reporter that the FAA is not controlling the new provincial body. It was decided to go with it and if there should be an error, to ask the newspaper for a correction.

14. Adjournment: Russ/Sabine