

Fredericton Arts Alliance Board Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2008
NB Film Co-op Board Room, CSAC

Present: Maria Bourgeois, Dianne Roxborough Brown, Katie FitzRandolph, Russ Hunt, Karen LeBlanc, Maggie McLaughlin, Tony Merzetti, Meredith Snider, George Strunz
Regrets: Darren MacLeod, Sabine Campbell

1. Call to Order

2. Welcome new Board Member: Meredith Snider was welcomed to the board.

3. Adoption of Agenda: Katie/Karen

4. Approval of Nov. 28 Minutes: Russ/George

5. Business arising out of the Minutes:

- i. With reference to item 10 of the Nov 28, 07 Minutes, Maggie stated that the four bulleted points were brought to Jennifer Phillips' attention. With respect to the fourth point, she stated that Steven Scott should be invited to the next focus group.
- ii. Maggie met with Julie Michaud of the Conservation Council and reported that it was mostly an opportunity for Julie to ask questions and gain information.

6. Treasurer's Report:

- i. The December 2007 financial statement was read by Karen.
- ii. The 2007 Year-end financial statement was read by Karen.
Karen moved that the December 2007 budget and the 2007 Year-end financial statement be adopted as presented/Katie seconded.
- iii. The 2008 budget was read and explained by Karen.

7. Budget concerns for 2008: Karen explained the 2008 budgetary concerns and the board agreed that there is a need for increased revenue in 2008. Some ways were suggested to increase revenue:

FAA would need to do more fundraising

It was suggested that FAA open the Casemates program to provincial artists as well as city artists. This may make it possible to access other funding.

It is possible that Maria's hours may be reduced to 20 hours per week beginning Feb. 1

As a result, the 2008 budget was tabled. Karen moved that FAA approach Desmond Maillet to see if he could release the \$10,000 grant that was designated for the Provincial Alliance's website development by Feb. 1 and this money could be used towards Maria's salary. Seconded by Russ.

NOTE:(After Desmond had been approached the following motion was offered: Maggie and Karen LeBlanc, moved that we continue to pay Maria's salary at 25 hours per week, which includes the additional 5 hours required to coordinate the final stages of the NBAA ASI project.

Upon completion of the ASI project, we anticipate that Maria's hours will return to the original 20 hours per week. Motion was carried January 29th.)

8. Co-ordinator's Report:

Karen will look into finding a lawyer to supervise the student who is working on the Pro-Bono project. Maggie was

invited by ArtsNB to attend the Premier's State of the Province address on Jan. 31.

9. Adjustment Committee:

The Adjustment Committee report was read by Maria. It was agreed that more community forums were needed throughout the province. Only 50 Needs Assessment surveys had been returned.

10. FAA Strategic Planning with the Adjustment Committee consultant:

A meeting will take place on Feb. 2 from 10AM-5PM (location TBA) with the possibility of it continuing on the morning of Feb. 3. Maggie reminded the board to be aware of the FAA identity during the course of the meeting.

11. Arts Evenings:

The forum which is to occur in the Spring 2008 may become the next Arts Evening.

12. Other Business:

i. Meredith attended the VAS in Ottawa. Meredith will email the VAS report to the board. She reviewed some of the points that were made in the report and noted that the recommendation of having a provincial advocate reinforced the need for a provincial arts alliance in NB. It was suggested that the VAS report be an appendix to the consultant's report.

ii. It was agreed that the designation of "2009 Cultural Capital" is an honour for Fredericton and Maggie reinforced that FAA needs to be visible to the City.

13. Adjournment: Russ/George. Next meeting, Feb. 27 at 5PM, location TBA.