

FREDERICTON ARTS ALLIANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 23, 2008

Edmund Casey 324, STU

Present: Maggie, Tony, Karen, Kim Vose Jones, Maria, George, Russ, Sabine, Meredith.

Regrets: Dianne, Katie

Adoption of Agenda: Karen/George

Minutes: Adopted as amended. Russ/Meredith

New member: Maggie welcomed Kim Vose Jones as a new Board member. Kim confirmed that she has a copy of the by-laws and is reading them.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Karen. Adopted as amended Karen/Tony

Coordinator's Report:

Jurors are needed for the Artist-in-Residence-Program. Brigid Grant is available, as is Beth Biggs, and Maria will ask Allen Bentley.

A representative of the Royal Astronomical Society, Chris Weddick, informed Maria that they wish to involve the Fredericton Arts Alliance next year to work on various initiatives involving artists. She invited him to meet with her. He has yet to confirm a meeting.

Angela Watson needs a Visual Arts rep. to volunteer on a committee for the 2009 Summer Arts projects. The committee is meeting on May 5 at 10 am to brainstorm 16 different projects for next year, some of which will start this year. Meredith offered with "2 hats" (Gallery Connexion and FAA). Kim suggested rotating members and will be the first on May 5th. The board discussed the possibility of a FAA member working on the committee.

William Forrestal has presented a proposal for documentary films on the casement artists. Discussion followed. Decided to ask him for a formal proposal, clearly stating what he wants from the Arts Alliance.

Tony has some knowledge of a group who have made a film on Suzanne Hill and would like to make others.

NBAA: Jennifer and Maria had a forum in Moncton; coverage was good, attendance was poor. She and Maria are travelling to other venues.

Implementation Plans: to take place on May 28 at 5 pm (with order-out meal) at Maggie's.

Business Arising: a) Arts News contract – Created but not signed yet. Amani's contract is now for 48 weeks. Another person will be hired to fill in for her in the summer.

Election: Maria told the board that an in-person forum was not possible for her to organize and suggested that they simply ask the mayoral candidates to answer a survey and link answers to Arts News. *The Gleaner* to be contacted: Maria will send a press release. Russ suggested a public electronic forum that he could set up to be run off the STU server -- also connected to mayoral candidates. Russ will send out an arts news special on May 5th.

Website: No news -- on hold.

Other business:

- a) Charitable status, tabled till June
- b) Discussed Royal Astro. Soc.
- c) Angela --- Shaun Watters -- discussion (?)

Adjournment: 6:15

Next Meeting: May 28 at Maggie's 58 Waterloo Row.

Respectfully submitted

Sabine