

Fredericton Arts Alliance Special Meeting Minutes
May 28, 2008
EC 324 St. Thomas University

Present: Maria Bourgeois, Katie FitzRandolph, Karen LeBlanc, Tony Merzetti, Sabine Campbell, Maggie McLaughlin, George Strunz, Kim Vose Jones

Regrets: Meredith Snider, Diane Roxborough Brown, Russ Hunt

1. **Email Policy:** Board members will no longer receive copies of the special correspondence that Maria receives except for emails related to advocacy such as from CCA and CARFAC and government emails and special invitations outside the scope of gallery openings and other events that are already submitted to Arts News. Board members already individually receive many of the newsletters the coordinator currently receives. If a board member notices something in a publication that they regularly read that the board should be aware of they will simply let the board know. Maria should unsubscribe to some newsletters in order to cut down on her received email. Everyone should make a special effort to not hit reply to sender when responding to FAA board correspondence if the reply is meant to go to only one person.
2. **Nominating Committee:** Dianne will be stepping down from the board. Kim has offered to take her place on the nominating committee.
3. **Overtime:** In order to relieve the coordinator of overtime the board was asked to step in when the need arises. The coordinator will let the president know of the need- the president will then ask for help from the board. Katie offered to do art work whenever appropriate. Both Katie and Sabine offered to be editors when the need arises.
4. **Fundraiser:** Board members agreed to distribute posters for the event and help sell tickets. Other duties will be assigned via email. George will attempt to engage one or two our members to sell tickets. Maria will get George membership list. Maria will fix errors on poster. Karen will print up extra posters and programs. Maria will do an arts news special for the fundraiser. We will consider the children's rate issue next year.
5. **Arts Cuts:** There will be a petition circulated. Katie will draft words for the petition. Sabine is organizing distribution by board members of the petition. We will also have our election forum as usual but will focus on the arts cuts. One way this will be done is by symbolically presenting the petition to the candidates and announcing that the elected candidate will receive a copy to be brought to the PM's attention. Maggie will write a letter to the Gleaner to try and get people engaged in the petition and forum. Maria will write a special Press Release. Kim will contact *Connections*-a new on-line social issue magazine for possible coverage. Maria will contact appropriate invitees including Harvest Jazz and Blues. Board will also help spread the word.
6. **Arts Evenings:** Kim will ask Martin Kutknowski. of STU to do a presentation. Theme: Creative Process and the Arts. George will assist Kim. The budget for the artist is \$250. Location, reception budget and tuning of piano is: \$250. If Martin is not available Brigitte Clavette is an alternate choice. Memberships and donations will be taken at the event. The event will take place mid-November.
7. **Insurance:** Briefly reviewed policies. To be discussed at a future date. Maria will check on liability issues for incorporated organizations as opposed to organizations not incorporated. Maria will

see that art trek participants are reminded to be mindful of hazards to the general public.

8. Idea for Fundraiser: Tony will investigate if we can be part of a fundraising opportunity supplied by Paradise Imports.

9. Corporate Art: Maggie is investigating Art and Corporate responsibility. Meetings will be occurring next week.

10. Next Meetings: (All board meetings STU, Rm. 324)

-Sept 24th –Board Meeting

-October 22nd-Board Meeting

-November 17th-AGM (Location TBA)

-November 26th-Board Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Bourgeois,
Coordinator