

Fredericton Arts Alliance Board Meeting Minutes
June 25, 2008
Edmund Casey 324, STU

Present: Maria Bourgeois, Dianne Roxborough Brown, Sabine Campbell, Katie FitzRandolph, Russ Hunt, Karen LeBlanc, Maggie McLaughlin, Tony Merzetti, Meredith Snider, Kim Vose Jones

Regrets: George Strunz

1. Call to Order

2. Adoption of Agenda:

Katie/Kim with the addition of, under "Other Business", iii) Funding ideas, iv) Website update and v) EdVentures

3. Approval of May 28 Minutes:

Meredith/Tony omitting first line of (5) and in (8) replacing "Katie" with "Maria".

- a) Probono Program: Maria reported that Maggie had spoken with the Dean of Law who in turn, spoke to the student in charge. The student is to contact Maria to arrange a meeting.
- b) RAS: Maria reported that the Royal Astronomical Society is pleased and the project will be done in 2010. The RAS is striking a committee and will contact FAA for a list of artists.
- c) Autism program: Maria reported that Barb Kerr will approach Whitefeather to participate in this program.
- d) Learning through the Arts: This is a partnership with the RCM. This past year, Park St. School taught math using music. It was decided that FAA should only be involved in a communications role to provide information to schools. Katie and Maggie recommended investigating what is actually happening in the schools with respect to Learning through the Arts and Karen recommended doing this research before striking a committee.

4. Treasurer's Report:

The date on the report was changed from April 30 to May 31. Karen reported that FAA will be getting an operating grant but the amount is still unknown. Sabine/Dianne

5. Co-ordinator's Report:

- a) Provincial Arts Alliance: Maria is preparing for the final meeting
- b) Probono Program: was discussed above
- c) Grants: Maria reported that the operating grant is late in being finalized.
- d) Artist-in-Residence: Maria reported that it won't be necessary to do the extra hours.
- e) Art Trek: as it appeared in the report
- f) RAS: was discussed above
- g) - k): as they appear in the report

6. Adjustment Committee Final Report:

The draft of the final report is in. It needs to be completed by June 27, 08 and then possible funding opportunities can be explored. Helene Bouchard and Desmond Maillet seem confident that there will be start-up funds available in order to hire a staff person. The staff person will apply for operational funding. Katie would like to report to be more public. Karen thought that it could be shared with FAA but not to the general public. Maggie will check with Helene before sending a copy to the board. It is the intellectual property of PETL and for this reason, there is uncertainty concerning the right that FAA has to look at it.

7. Previously tabled items:

i) Charitable status: Maria attended a workshop which addressed what charities can and cannot do politically. It also addressed the legal responsibilities of the board. Revenue Canada wants a list of FAA's activities. This needs to be decided earlier than November in order to get the application for charitable status in on time.

ii) Review of E-forum: Maggie thought that the e-forum was well organized but was disappointed in the number of responses. Russ felt that it is not worth replacing the face-to-face with the e-forum but they can work well together.

iii) Cultural Capital Meeting: Kim spoke with Angela Watson concerning the 2009 Cultural Capital and they haven't signed a contract yet. The meeting had many arts organizations in attendance and the City was overwhelmed with ideas. The publicity launch will be held in January. Meredith voiced a concern that the money will be used for projects only and not concrete things like infrastructure.

iv) Ambassador Program: Katie moved to address this proposal at the next Strategic Planning session.

8. Establish a proposal to the Board presentation policy:

Sabine suggested that no one with a project should be considered unless they submit a plan to FAA. Katie would like to keep it open so as not to discourage anyone. Because of the small number of proposals that FAA receives, the board agreed to keep it open. Sabine recommended that Maria keep a record of names of people who call concerning projects, for grant writing purposes.

9. Establishing a speakers series:

This was suggested by Angela Watson. It is done in Saint John and she wondered if FAA would consider it. It could be a way to access funding. Maggie will contact Angela to say that FAA is interested. Maggie suggested that when an artist has a show, they could give a talk at CSAC and perhaps make it a members benefit. It could encourage membership.

10. NB/Ireland arts and cultural interaction:

Maggie had spoken with George and they discussed the contacts that he made while in Ireland.

11. Gallery Connexion update:

Meredith reported that in the short term, the gallery hoped to find other organizations to host the planned offerings for one year. This would give the gallery time to find a short term space. There is still no solution for a permanent space.

12. Other Business:

i) Nomination committee: George, Sabine and Dianne will serve on this committee. Sabine also

volunteered to be treasurer.

ii) Strategic planning: the next meeting will be held on September 7, 08 at noon at Maggie's home.

iii) Funding ideas: Karen reported that the Tay Creek Folk Festival will be taking place in August and she said that the organizer is interested in having FAA help with admissions and in turn, FAA will receive a portion of the gate. Karen and Maria offered to help with admissions. Julia proposed having a fundraising Tea in September and that this could become an annual event with the type of beverage being changed each year. Katie was concerned that it should be consistent. Karen/Meredith moved to move forward with the fundraiser.

iv) Website update: Russ had nothing new to report.

v) EdVentures: It was agreed that EdVentures would be allowed to advertise in the Arts News as it met with the policy.

13. Adjournment: Next meeting EC324, STU, 5PM, Sept. 24, 2008