

**Fredericton Arts Alliance Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, October 22 @ 5pm**  
**EC 324 STU**

**Present:** Maria Bourgeois, Russ Hunt, Karen LeBlanc, Maggie McLaughlin, Tony Merzetti, Sabine Campbell, Katie Fitzrandolph, Kim Vose Jones, George Strunz

**Regrets:** Dianne Roxborough Brown, Meredith Snider

**1. Call to Order at 6:08 pm**

**2. Adoption of Agenda:** Katie moved for the adoption of the agenda with additions under "Other Business": Business for the Arts, AGM date, Correspondence

**3. Approval of the June 25<sup>th</sup> minutes:** Changes to be made to the minutes: the social planning meeting had 4 people, the Artist-in-Residence program should be "40 grant applications" and "David" should be "David Seabrook". Under #7, remove "Maria has reservations..." Under #5, change % sign to after the 90. Under #9, change % sign to after 60. Under #11, clarify with Angela Watson (Maggie). Moved by George and seconded by Russ.

**4. Treasurer's Report:** Sabine is the new treasurer and is now a signing officer for FAA. Bank balance is \$14271.92 and the statement balances. Moved by Sabine, seconded by Katie.

**5. Coordinator's Report:** given by Maria

- a) We received the last payment from HRSDC for our summer student.
- b) Art Trek had its best year ever. Several suggestions were generated by participants, artists and board members:
  - i. Coordinate 2 – 4 Art Trek events per year
  - ii. Print and distribute posters and flyers earlier – on time for the culture crawls, the NBCrafts Council sale (Labour Day weekend), HJB, etc.
  - iii. Provide a list of guidelines and/or policies for artists participating. Artists should attend an information/training session where they pick up their packages and the policies and guidelines are explained in depth.
  - iv. The Art Trek should end by 5 on Saturday.
  - v. Coordinate a tour/trek bus to take participants to the studios. This may be arranged with the city, Trius Tours or another transportation group and included in the grant application for next year's event. Note: the students from UNB's ELP visited several studios.
  - vi. Possibly include music at the opening or at other locations/studios.
- c) Drink in the Arts made \$427.09 after expenses. Suggestions for next year include finding a sponsor for the 2009 event. A fundraising committee must be established to discuss funding options.

**6. Nominations Committee report:** We need 3 board members to replace outgoing board members. Nominations include: Leo McNeil, Paul Lenarczyk, and Mary Lou Babineau. The nominating committee will contact these individuals and will provide a report at the AGM.

**7. Charitable Status:** Sabine has not had time to work on the application. Next steps: Maria will collect the required information and then they will work on the application together. A list of our activities for 2009 will be required by November.

**8. Bylaws:** Russ and Katie to work on wording for changes to the bylaws. Moved by Katie and seconded by Sabine.

**9: Artist Speaker Series:** Changes were recommended to the poster. The poster will be changed, sent by e-mail and then distributed to appropriate venues in the city. The event will be promoted through various sources.

**10: Report on Programs:**

- a) The Artist-in-Residence program may have to be changed/modified. Maggie will discuss the program with Angela Watson
- b) Art-Trek was discussed under the Coordinator's report
- c) ProBono program – Maria left messages with the ProBono program coordinator but has not received a reply. There seems to be a lack of communication with the lead student.

**11: Culture Capital Projects:**

- a) Add another Art Trek event for the Cultural events
- b) FAA Birthday party (FAA will celebrate its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary)
- c) Coordinate a Gallery Hop and Artist talk or Studio Visits and Talks
- d) Coordinate a catalogue of Fredericton area artists
- e) Develop a profile of artists
- f) Other suggestions for programs/projects are welcome

**12: Petition Tallies:** Initial calculations show that we will have over 1000 signatures. Next steps: to meet with Keith Ashfield (Maggie). Karen to pick up petitions at NBCCD. Board members to pick up any petitions at locations they placed them at. Note: Katie will write a letter to Andy Scott to thank him for all his assistance, advice and support while he was MP for Fredericton.

**13: Gallery Connexion Update:** Meredith is unable to attend but the AGM was being held on the same night as the FAA meeting.

**14: Review of the meeting time:** To be tabled until the new board meets.

**15: Other Business:**

- a) Arts News policy – limit the number of words per message; include links for additional information; space for the Arts News is limited. The document is becoming very large – 9 pages for the last edition. Possibly include a standard rule that no more than 200 words can be included. Russ will consult with Amani.
- b) Calendar of Events – it would be nice to have a calendar of events where people could post their announcements and/or events. The city has a tourism city. Maria and/or Maggie to meet with David Seabrook or Debbie Perry.
- c) Convention Centre meeting – Katie and Maggie will attend a meeting on October 22 at 7:30pm with Frank Flanagan to discuss including an arts policy for new buildings with 1% budget for arts.
- d) Business for the Arts – Maggie to meet with the Business and Art website people.
- e) AGM will be held on November 18. Maria will send a correction via Arts News with the new date. Tony will check with Doodles Café.

- f) Correspondence – Maria reported that FAA has been invited to attend the Moncton Cultural Forum on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Information can be obtained at [www.moncton.ca](http://www.moncton.ca). There is no charge to attend (just travel expenses).

**16. Adjournment by George**

**The AGM will be held on November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Charlotte Street Arts Centre – Doodles Café**

**Respectfully submitted by Karen LeBlanc, Board Member, October 28, 2008**