

**Fredericton Arts Alliance
Board Meeting Minutes
CSAC Multipurpose Room
June 2, 2010**

Present: Tony Merzetti, Maria Bourgeois, George Strunz, Myrna Gunter, Sabine Campbell, Leo MacNeil, Kim Vose Jones.

Regrets: Meredith Snider, Katie FitzRandolph, Renee Davis.

1. Call to Order: Tony 5:11pm

2. Adoption of Agenda

A change to the wording on the agenda

Section 7 - Programs/issues becomes Committee Reports

Motion to adopt the minutes with change: George, Second: Sabine, All in favour, carried.

3. Approval of April 28th minutes

Motion to approve the April 28th minutes: Myrna, Second: Leo, All in favour, carried.

4. President's report- N/A

5. Treasurer's report

Presented by Sabine, see attached report.

Highlights-

RBC grant for \$5000 has been received.

Motion to accept the report: Sabine, Second: Myrna, All in favour, carried.

6. Coordinator's report

Presented by Maria, see attached report.

Highlights are as follows:

Grants

-FAA should hear by June 15th about the success of the Operating Grant (\$14,400) and the partnership grant for Artists-in-Residence (\$5000).

Artist in Residency update

-Maria reported that the Museum has informed her that they are only open from 1-4pm everyday in June.

The board discussed the implications of this for the residency program.

-Maria informed the board that the artists will still be required to complete their 23.5 hours per week residency, but some of that time will not be open to the public.

Discussion ensued.

-Maria clarified that there is a \$3.00 entry charge to the museum. However, the entry is free for FAA members. A card will be given out allowing for multiple entries without multiple charges.

- Maria reported that we had the highest number of applicants ever to the Artist in Residency program. 36 applicants, 28 accepted by the jury-10 of which were new applicants.

- The board requested a list of the artists who will be in residence for 2010. Maria will send the board a list of the artists in residency.

UNB Radio

-A volunteer named Kim Mannex is interested in organizing volunteers and the reporting of the FAA news.

-Sabine and Tony will contact Kim Mannex to discuss setting up a FAA program and a programming template.

-The reports for the month of June will be delivered by the following:

week 1: Derek, week 2: Derek (back up George) week 3: unknown (Leo back up), week 4: Maria.

Summer Student

-Maria informed the board that she is going to offer the summer student position to Christian Demmings.

-Maria will send the board a list of the student's job duties.

Motion to accept the report: Leo, Second: Sabine

7. Committee Reports

a. Artist in residence committee (RBC, City Hall exhibition)

Meredith submitted a letter with a motion regarding the Artist in residence Program.

Motion: "I move to strike a committee that will review the selection process for the FAA Artist in Residence program".

Meredith's letter described how some complainants had come forward and approached board members about the process for selecting residents. Maria noted that the schedule that she had emailed the board prematurely regarding the residency placements had been a tentative one and was missing a number of the selected artists. Statistics for this year's program were brought forward.

It was agreed that FAA must deal with complaints whether substantiated or not. Maria is going to meet with the jury again to get their recommendations for future juries and she will prepare a statistical report on the program. The Artist in Residence Committee will then convene to examine the jury process. Since the board did not have quorum to vote on the motion, it was agreed that the motion would be effected via electronic voting.

Meredith's original motion (by letter) was modified and agreed to as follows:

Given that some artists in the community recently approached members of the Board of FAA with questions about the Artist in Residency program, specifically its process and policies regarding artist selection. And in order to provide a response to the concerns and to insure that FAA's actions are carried out in a fair and equitable manner, the Artist in Residence Committee will review the program and report findings to the Board with any necessary recommendations for improvements to it.

The Artist in Residence Committee shall be reformed with the following board and staff: Kim, Meredith, Katie and Maria. It will be tasked to evaluate the Artist in Residence program, which will include an examination of available statistical information, program guidelines, mandates and jury selection criteria. It will produce a report and submit it to the Board with any recommendations to improve the program.

Second to motion: Kim

Sabine leaves 6:15pm.

MOTION: Put forth by Meredith via letter.

" I also move to request that if additional funding is made available for residencies past August 6th, that new applicants who have never taken part in the program be considered as opposed to offering a second residency to those already accepted or to those who have previously participated in past years".

The board discussed the issue at length.

A quorum was not present and the motion would need a board vote, but there was agreement to the following:

“Any extra residencies available will go to **first time, emerging artist applicants who have already been selected by the jury**. These artists will be offered a second residency where ever possible.”

b. Art Trek Planning Committee- Already covered.

c. Fundraising/ Sponsorship Committee (High on the Arts, Gala, Sponsorships, charitable status uses) Tabled until next meeting.

d. Art Trek Exhibition Committee- Nothing to report

e. Website Committee- Leo asked who chaired this committee. This question will be examined next month.

f. Nomination Committee- Janice Thompson (Dance Fredericton) will be approached by Tony to fill the board vacancy.

g. Program Creation Committee (Fred. Social, social innovation, artist speaker series etc.)
Nothing to report

h. Non- partisan arts advocacy (political forums, submissions to government
Innovating Fredericton's Cultural Tomorrow- June 16th Leo will represent FAA

i. Planning (governance/responsibilities, strategic planning)
Tony updated the governance/responsibility plan, distributed it to the board. See attached plan.
Will be examined at next meeting

j. CHSR Radio Show- Already covered.

8. Other Business and Macro discussion

a.) ARTSNEWS Question from Amani

Amani asked whether or not the Art Trek call should go out just twice because of space restraints. The board discussed the need for multiple calls for submissions to encourage more applicants. The board agreed multiple calls were important. Maria will abbreviate the call, and it will go out for the whole month.

b.) Tony suggested a fine tuning of committee structures is needed to make the board more effective and pro-active. This will be examined at a later date.

9. Set date & time for next meeting

Wednesday, June 23rd, 2010, 5pm, CSAC

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn, Leo at 7:05pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Vose Jones, June 4th, 2010.