

FAA Board Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2010
Film Coop Board Room, CSAC

Present: Katie Fitzrandolph, Renee Davis, Tony Merzetti, Meredith Snider, George Strunz, Myrna Gunter, Leo MacNeil, Maria Bourgeois

Regrets: Sabine Campbell, Kim Vose Jones

1. Call to Order – Katie 5:10pm

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion: Myrna

Second: Renee

All in favor, carried.

3. Approval of June 2, 2010 minutes

Motion: Tony

Second: George

All in favor, carried.

4. President's Report – Katie

Report attached. Further comments below:

High on the Arts – Katie asked George to submit an artwork for donation. Local musicians are donating cds for silent auction.

Artist in Residence Program – Katie asked Maria to check with RBC as the whether or not they have or will be issuing a press release announcing the funding and residency program. If so, it can be posted on the FAA website. If not, FAA should create a press release to be posted.

Programming Committee – Was originally launched to consider new programming for the FAA. A meeting was set for August 9th, 1pm in the Pink House.

Fredericton Cultural Forum – To vision the future of Fredericton's cultural tomorrow. At the end of the forum the FAA was realized to be a potential org. to take on some of the outlined needs for the artistic and cultural community. A committee was set up consisting of Katie, Chris George from STU, and Drew Kennickell, graphic designer and teacher at NBCCD.

Some ideas were tossed around such as the FAA organizing programs for artists and arts organizations similar to the Fredericton Chamber of Commerce, for example health plans and benefits for small organizations or even for individual artists. The larger organizations could potentially pay higher membership fees to FAA. Katie would like to invite the following people to join the committee: Doug Motty from Enterprise Fredericton, Tim Yerxa from the Playhouse, someone from the Beaverbrook, and Meredith as an FAA board member. Some concerns were raised that the FAA might be taking on a task with little benefit to itself as an organization, discussion pursued. It was generally decided that this posed a good opportunity for the FAA, but to be cautious when moving ahead.

Motion: George moves to strike a committee consisting of Katie, Tony, Maria, and Renee to join the above stated committee created at the forum to explore the ideas coming out of Fredericton's Cultural Forum held on June 16, 2010. This committee may be added to with more members.

Second: Myrna

All in favor, carried.

Katie moves adoption of her report

Leo seconds

All in favor, carried.

5. Treasurer's Report – report submitted by Sabine, read by Maria.

Report attached. Maria notes that typically at this time of year the FAA does a lot of spending and there might be a cash crunch. ***She asks that board members keep checking emails through the next couple months in case there are any financial issues that arise.***

Motion to accept treasurer's report: Tony

Second: Leo

All in favor, carried

6. Coordinator's Report

Report attached. Any further comments below:

A), Grants – received notice from NB Partnership Grant, \$3,500 is awarded however not yet received

F). UNB Radio - Maria needs schedule of people for July. It was suggested Maria ask the summer student to do it. Leo, Kitty, and George have also volunteered if need be. Tony is excited to see the radio program expand past just the reading of the Arts News.

I). Miscellaneous – Maria has requested her vacation for the last two weeks of July and to take overtime the first week of August. The Board agreed. Maria requested permission to purchase an updated version of Norton Antivirus.

Motion: Leo moves that Maria be allowed to spend up to \$50 to purchase an updated version of Norton Anti-Virus for the FAA computer.

Second: George

All in favor, carried.

Tony moves to accept adoption of Maria's report

Second: Myrna

All in favor, carried.

7. Programs/issues (if not already dealt with):

h.) Website committee – It was agreed that any recommendations or updates to the website can be accepted on an ongoing basis at board meetings. Katie asked that all board members review the FAA website and take note of what is working well or where they wish to see changes.

Suggestions can be sent to Katie who will compile the information and send to Maria, who will forward to Cathy LeBlanc, our volunteer website updater.

8. Discussion of governance/responsibilities (continued)

9. Other Business

Meredith reported that she had been in touch with Meranda from Ambir Solutions. They are interested in hanging artists' work in their lobby and office space located at 527 Queen Street, Suite 110. Meredith visited the space and there is potential. Meredith has told Ambir what the CARFAC fees are for exhibiting work in public spaces where the mandate is not that of exhibiting work (Solo show up to 3 months is \$368, if 2 artists exhibiting it's \$184 each, if 3 artists exhibiting it's \$122 each, if 4 or more artists exhibiting it's \$116 each). She is waiting to hear back as to whether they are willing to pay artist fees. If so, Meredith will continue negotiations, if not, she will not proceed with negotiations.

Motion: Leo moves that Meredith continue negotiations with Ambir Solutions to assess whether or not it would be beneficial to exhibit FAA members' work in their office/lobby space on an ongoing basis.

Second: Renee

All in favor, carried.

10. Adjournment – next meeting is scheduled for September 1, 2010 at 5pm.

Respectfully submitted by Meredith Snider, June 23, 2010