

FAA board meeting minutes
Wednesday, December 7, 2011, 5 p.m.
Film Coop Boardroom
Charlotte Street Arts Centre

Present: Katie FitzRandolph, Sabine Campbell, Renee Davis, Myrna Gunter, Russ Hunt, Marie Maltais

Call to order

By Katie at 5:05 p.m.

Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Sabine, seconded by Myrna, passed.

Adoption of minutes

Motion to defer the adoption of the minutes of the September meeting by Renee, seconded by Marie, passed.

President's report

Katie added some comments to the President's report as circulated (see addendum) and various aspects were discussed.

The point was made that the City Hall exhibition was a fairly small and that we should expect artists to submit something - perhaps it might be made part of the deal when they're accepted to participate in the Artists in Residence. There was discussion of whether artists ought to be required to hold membership in the FAA, and it was agreed this wasn't possible. It was also agreed that it would be good to have new and different artists involved, and that the Board might be more pro active about inviting people to participate.

After some discussion of the value of the ARTSnews and the fact that Amani has not had a raise for years, it was moved by Myrna, seconded by Renee, to pay Amani a \$150 bonus. Motion passed.

Extensive discussion of the Gala centered on a list of issues from Marie and some supporting comments, mostly from Sabine, about what went well and what we should find ways to improve (see appended "post mortem" list). It was agreed that it needs to be set up by one person. Katie observed that the Beaverbrook Gallery Membership had not been auctioned off, and suggested that it be raffled off at the AGM.

It was suggested that we should make a policy of inviting different musicians. It was agreed that Johnny Leroux had been a fine auctioneer (among other things, Sabine pointed out that he had made a very thorough list of what was bid and sold).

Motion to adopt the President's Report by Katie, seconded by Marie, passed.

Treasurer's report

Sabine presented the statements of revenue and expenditures for October and November, and a summary for the High on the Arts Gala (see addenda). A cheque from VISA for Gala revenue has yet to be deposited, and the reports will be updated later.
Motion to adopt the Treasurer's report by Sabine, seconded by Russ, passed

Membership report

Renee reported that there were 102 members as of the time of the meeting, and that there have been 62 nonrenewals since the monthly reminders were sent out. Discussion included suggestions that we might set up a list of nonrenewals and that members of the board could call people whom they know, and that we could do this in connection with the Membership drive. Renee noted that there are many renewal notices coming up in December, and that a similar rate of nonresponse would be a serious problem. She also noted that there had been problem in some cases with the link to the PayPal membership form on the Web site, and it was agreed that this needed to be looked at.
Motion to adopt the Membership report by Renee, seconded by Marie, passed.

RBC Exhibition

Katie noted that this needs to be organized; Sabine suggested we approach Penny about this, as something she might want to do.

Web site

Russ wondered about how actively we use it, and thought it would be a good idea to put a hit counter on it to assess traffic. It was suggested by Renee that if we used it more actively to promote events more people might find it - for instance, making more information about the artists and events connected with the Gala might make it attract more traffic.

Other business

After some discussion about whether the Bylaws specify that it needs to be held in the 2011 calendar year, the AGM was tentatively set for February 16, to give time for the required 30-day notice to be circulated after Christmas. There will need to be an executive meeting before that. Katie also proposed there needs to be a membership meeting.

Katie also proposed we need to brainstorm about activities for 2012. The Gala has given us a bit of a cushion, so we can think about what to do with it. Discussion of the Art Trek led to an agreement that we should explore with Angela whether the city would be interested in combining it with the Culture Crawl. Katie reminded us that we might have enough money to pay someone to organize something; it was also suggested that we could sponsor a student for something.

It was agreed that we need to consider nominating replacements for members of the Board who are resigning or whose terms are ending. It was agreed that George, who has acted as an unofficial one-person nominating committee, probably has the information about whose terms will be ending and that we should make suggestions to him on line.

Sabine raised a question about the projection equipment which had been bought with a grant from the city and was housed in the Charlotte Street Centre; it was explained that this was a joint project and that the equipment was available to all the organizations who had participated (and was in fact movable, though not exactly portable).

Next meeting

It was agreed that Katie would poll the membership about a meeting the week of January 16th.

Adjournment was at 6:15.

Russ Hunt
Secretary *pro tem*