

FAA board meeting minutes

Wednesday, April 4, 2012, 5:00 p.m.

Film Coop Boardroom
Charlotte Street Arts Centre

Present: Katie FitzRandolph, Jean Rooney, Renee Davis, Allen Bentley, Marie Maltais, David Perritt, Russ Hunt, Cynthia Ryder

Absent: Barbara Roberts, Bill Johnson, Penny Pacey

1. Call to order

By Jean at 5:05 p.m.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Russ, seconded by Allen, passed.

3. Adoption of minutes

Motion to adopt the corrected minutes of the February 28 meeting by David, seconded by Renee, passed.

4. President's report – Jean

See copy of report [appended](#). There was discussion, at this point and later, of the Artist's in Residence Program; a general summary is included under item 8b, below. Penny and Jean are checking the phone; the Pro Bono program is complete and being evaluated; meeting with Sara Griffin of Arts Link is still being arranged. Jean is registered for the Dieppe conference on April 20-21, and perhaps it can be finalized then.

5. Treasurer's report – Cynthia

See copy of report [appended](#).

6. Membership report – Renee

Renee reported that she doesn't have current numbers, but cautioned that the high rate of renewals and new memberships reported in the Treasurer's report shouldn't be expected to continue. She also said that she and Cynthia will be working out a method for making sure that membership records are consistent between the financial records and the membership list.

7. Supervision for summer student, if we get the money for one

Nothing new; Katie is expected to do the supervision, as agreed last time

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

a. Signing authorities for Executive – completed

b. Artists in residence – discussion, begun under the President's report, continued. We considered the consequences of the fact that FAA failed to win the Fredericton city grant in support of the Artists in Residence program. Marie said that there had been a very strong field of applications, and that the “point system” of evaluating that had been used was a significant part of the reason we were eliminated. She also said that there was a general feeling, expressed frequently, that the city was very happy with the project. One problem, she thought, was that perhaps the application was in the wrong area, that we should be applying for operational rather than project grants, since project grants tend to favour one-off projects rather than continuing ones. It was agreed that we should talk with Angela about what our strategy ought to be. Katie pointed out that there is still the Provincial grant to be decided, which, if we get it, might make it possible to carry on. She also suggested that there are other possible sources for funding – Downtown Fredericton, for instance. Or private donors like Isaac's Way, Sue Lawrence have sponsored artists. There was discussion of possible ways of saving money - paying artists less, having only one at a time, etc., but none seemed appropriate. There is a question about how long the Casemates will be open this summer (the length was extended last year, partly because of the Congress). Jean noted that she's already received inquiries from artists, and wondered whether we should postpone planning until we know about the provincial grant. It was agreed that the committee should not wait to begin planning. Jean observed that one thing that needs to be planned is the exhibition afterward, which, it was agreed, was not well done last year, partly because it didn't occur immediately afterward. Renee noted that we should continue to encourage participating artists to be members of FAA.

c. Fundraiser (High on the Arts) -- Organizing committee (Katie, Cynthia, Jean, David, Allen and Sabine) will be meeting later this month.

d. Membership drive -- nothing new

e. Pro Bono program -- see President's report

f. Web site -- Russ reported that the site had been down a day or two because we hadn't renewed the domain name due to confusion about dates, but that he'd called Canadian Web Hosting and renewed it. It was agreed that Cynthia would send a cheque to cover the renewal and a year's Web hosting.

g. ARTSnews meeting with Amani -- Amani had requested a meeting with the member of the Board most immediately concerned -- Russ, Renee and Jean -- which is still being set up.

f. Municipal election forum -- Since there are now two mayoral candidates, there was agreement that we should organize one, as we usually do. After some discussion, Marie volunteered to contact the candidates, and try to arrange a venue and a moderator.

f. French Arts News -- Jean wondered if someone else would like to receive the bulletin from Centre Communautaire Ste.-Anne, since she doesn't read French. Apparently there's an English version available; Jean said she'd find out about that.

9. Other business

Katie said we need a better donations jar. It was agreed that she would bring the old one to the next meeting and we'd discuss alternatives.

10. Time and date of next meeting

After some discussion, and agreement that we should alternate between Wednesdays and Tuesdays, the next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, May 1 at 5:00 at the Film Co-op Board Room.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10.

Russ Hunt
Secretary