

## FAA board meeting minutes

Thursday, August 2, 2012, 5:00 p.m.

Film Coop Boardroom

Charlotte Street Arts Centre

Present: Allen Bentley, Renee Davis, Katie FitzRandolph, Russ Hunt, eBill Johnson, Jean Rooney, Barbara Roberts, Cynthia Ryder

Absent: Marie Maltais, Penny Pacey

### 1. Call to order

By Jean at 5: p.m. sharp.

### 2. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Katie, Seconded by Allen, passed.

### 3. Minutes of last board meeting

With the corrected spelling of "Shawn," adoption moved by Cynthia, seconded by Katie, passed.

### 4. President's report – Jean

See copy of report [appended](#). Acceptance moved by Jean, seconded by Renee, passed. In Rachel's absence, Katie volunteered to pick up & deliver Casemates cheques.

### 5. Treasurer's report – Cynthia

See copy of report [appended](#). Adoption moved by Katie, seconded by Allen, passed. Cynthia remarked that financially we are doing well, and noted that if there are projects Rachel can work on we should support keeping her on after the current appointment.

### 6. Membership report - Renee

Not much to report; 109 members; not many renewals till September. Most membership renewals are later because we were late last year; it might be a good idea to be earlier this year -- for instance, putting pressure on folks who post to the *ARTSnews*. We might send a letter to folks we got no response from. There was a membership committee; might be a good idea to revive it. Barb suggested it might be better to call than use email. Al wondered about a membership table at the Gala; it was agreed that certainly there should be forms there. Cynthia suggested it might be a good idea to be more active at the Gala. Bill: why not hand them the membership form when they show their tickets. Katie cautioned about being more aggressive than necessary. Renee says you can renew for a year without remembering when your membership expires. Cynthia

wondered about the benefits of membership -- actually, it's just that you can vote at the AGM. But mainly it's just to support the organization. Renee moved adoption, Allen seconded, passed.

## **7. Strategic planning - Cynthia**

Cynthia reported that she had coffee recently with Shawn, and that she has some interesting ideas and is putting together a menu of prices. We should all think about someone we'd like to talk with in the arts community to see what people think the FAA should be, as sort of a preparation for a strategic planning session. Who would each of us be comfortable talking to about the possible role of FAA in the community? Names were suggested, among them Bernie Riordan, Susan Judah, Judy Budovitch, Natalie Landry, Germaine Pataki, Mary Blatherwick, Tim Yerxa, Len Falkenstein, Ilkay Silk, Michael Maynard, Tony Merzetti, Will Forrestall, Karen Ruet, Willis Noble, Richard Hornsby, etc. If everybody signed up for a couple of people? Jean suggested circulating a list and we could sign up on email. Lots of further names suggested. Russ will try to put up [a wiki](#) or something on the Web site where we could sign up and propose new names.

Jean: what would be some questions? Cynthia said Shawn is going to propose some questions, but we might want to add to or fine tune them or specifically direct some of them to different people. Bill asked whether this should be done by sitting down and talking and taking notes? It was agreed that face to face conversation would be best. We need to coordinate so that we're all asking pretty much the same things. Cynthia is to maintain contact with Shawn on this.

There was some discussion of how to share what we learn; Katie suggested people could email the board list with their notes. Jean asked, what's next in terms of a time frame? Cynthia expects to hear back from Shawn within a week or so. It was agreed we're certainly not talking about doing the planning sessions till after the Gala.

Katie moved that we proceed with interviewing stakeholders, regardless of whether we work with Shawn. Allen seconded. Passed.

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

- a. Artists in Residence** Already covered, mostly.
- b. Fundraiser (High on the Arts)** Already covered, mostly. Katie says the art coming in is outstanding. Jean reminded us it's all about selling tickets.
- c. Pro Bono program renewal** Already covered, mostly. We're waiting for word from Kitty Maurey.
- d. Summer Student** Already covered, mostly
- e. Board Numbers** Already covered, mostly
- f. McAdam Station** Renee explained [the email](#) which had gone only to a few members

and said she would forward it. Jean said that it seemed possible, as an example of what might be done in cooperation, to exchange exhibits (e.g., the casemates show if there's going to be one, and there seemed to be agreement that there should be). [There was a side discussion about the idea that there should be some benefits connected with membership, so that it could be something more than just a charitable gesture. Renee pointed out, for example, that some artists in residence aren't members.] There are considerations about what sorts of exchange might be practical -- Cynthia, for instance, pointed out possible security issues for a remote location.

#### **9. Other business, time and date of next meeting**

Other business: Cynthia asked, do we ever survey the Artists in Residence about their experience? Katie said that yes, last year, but we got nothing. Cynthia wondered whether Rachel might do something along those lines when handing over the cheque.

Russ asked for people to look at the Web site as it gets revised; links may not work, or may not need to be there.

After discussion, it was agreed that the next meeting is to be on the 30th of August at 5:00, in the Board room if possible.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58.

Russ Hunt  
Secretary