

FAA board meeting minutes

Monday, December 17, 2012

Film Coop Boardroom

Charlotte Street Arts Centre

Present: Allen Bentley, Renee Davis, Katie FitzRandolph, Russ Hunt, Penny Pacey, Barbara Roberts, Jean Rooney

Absent: Bill Johnson, Marie Maltais, Cynthia Ryder

1. **Call to order** by Jean at **4:09**
2. **Adoption of the Agenda:** Moved by Katie, seconded by Russ, carried. Renee pointed out that we'd agreed at the last meeting that "membership" didn't need to be a regular agenda item, and it was deleted.
3. **Minutes of last board meeting:** Approval moved by Katie, seconded by Renee, carried.
4. **President's report -- Jean:** Jean began her report by apologizing for how little she'd been able to get done, and then recounted activities that led to a vote of thanks for how much she'd accomplished. See a partial report [attached](#). In response to questions, she explained that Troy Moore would be happen to attend a meeting about the design of the Web site, with some of the students working on it; that Penny has edited the questions for the strategic plan on the web site (and that Jean would circulate the email explaining that, which may not have gone to everyone on the Board). With respect to grants, Katie noted that Downtown Fredericton has often supported the Artists in Residence, but we missed applying to them last year; Jean said that we should make sure to apply this time. Jean also reported that Angela Watson has said that she "has an idea" and that she is to meet with her in January. Adoption (with congratulations on the list of accomplishments) moved by Katie, Seconded by Allen, carried.
5. **Treasurer's report – Jean, in Cynthia's absence:** See copy of report [attached](#). Katie moved approval, seconded by Penny. Katie also moved that we award a \$250 Christmas bonus to Amani, which was seconded by Penny and carried unanimously.
6. **Programs/issues** (if not already dealt with):
 - a. **AGM:** It was agreed that the AGM should be held February 11, at 7:00 pm. There was much discussion about ways to make it attractive, including pizza and music, so that we should showcase what we support. Perhaps, it was suggested, make the evening around a guest speaker – not someone from the Board, but someone who could talk about the role of the arts in the community. A number of names were suggested, including Akou Connell, John Leroux, Mayor Woodside. It was agreed we should think about this for the next meeting.
 - b. **Interviews for strategic planning:** The editing process was clarified. The questions, as edited by Penny, can be found on the [Board web site](#).
 - c. **Pro Bono project:** Katie had met with the students, who have a rough draft, which needs editing. She's talked with Kitty Maurey, who's supervising the process and will be meeting again in January. Ironically, there are copyright issues with the earlier copyright document, whose copyright is held by the authors (this time it was agreed we'll make sure that FAA holds copyright).
 - d. **Board vacancies:** we will need a new VP, to replace Allen, who will continue on the Board but whose health issues will mean that he should not continue as VP.

We will also need to replace a member now. The possibility of Susan Pierce was raised, and Russ moved, seconded by Katie, that we approach her to serve on the Board. It was suggested that Bill might be happier working on a couple of projects than being a full time member of the Board. Cynthia has a current list of members and terms; we will need to consult that at the next meeting, so that we can know how many members we're looking for. Some suggestions of people who might be interested included George Strunz, Sabine Campbell, and Kim Vose Jones. Katie suggested we might put a call for expressions of interest into the ARTSnews.

- e. **Grants and funding:** discussed earlier.
 - f. **Global master document:** Jean said she'd bring more on that to the next meeting.
 - g. **New logo and Web site:** discussed earlier.
7. **Other business:** none
8. **Announcements**
- a. Katie mentioned that a couple of items which had come up at the Great Gathering might have implications for us. One was a discussion of a survey of what people want in respect of the arts in Fredericton, which seemed related to our strategic plan. Katie will follow up on that. There was also a suggestion, in connection with discussions of public art, that it would be a good idea to have have “artistic” bike racks installed. Some discussion of the FAA's role in such an initiative ensued. Katie said that there would certainly be support among the downtown merchants for such an initiative, and that Greater Fredericton social Innovation should be supporting. Katie said she'd be in touch with the people who were in that group at the Great Gathering.
9. **Time and date of next meeting:** the next meeting is to be on Tuesday, January 8, at 5:00, in the Board Room.
10. **Adjournment:** 5:18

Russ Hunt
Secretary