

FAA Board meeting minutes
Monday, January 6, 2014
NB Film Co-op Boardroom
Charlotte Street Arts Centre

Present: Allen Bentley, Renée Davis, Katie FitzRandolph, Dan Gleason, Russ Hunt, Penny Pacey, Susan Pierce, Jean Rooney, Cynthia Ryder

Absent: Sabine Campbell, Marie Maltais, Barbara Roberts

1. Call to order by Jean at 4:12

2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda distributed by Jean was moved to be adopted by Russ, seconded by Allen, carried.

3. Adoption of the minutes of last board meeting

Moved by Cynthia, seconded by Renée, passed.

4. President's report – Jean

AIR Exhibition 2014

Jean read a letter that she has sent to Lieutenant Governor Graydon Nicholas to request that the AIR exhibition 2014 be held at Old Government House.

Arts and Culture Committee Meetings

Jean cited a recent report update given By Kate Rogers to the *Gleaner*. \$25,000 has been given to develop and write a new Arts and Cultural Plan with Nordicity consultants. The plan is coming soon, still with Nordicity. The committee has not had its first meeting of the year.

Website

Jean said she has made a start on the Web site process using wix.com. Russ has provided feedback to go with at present. She noted that the logo/brand and the font need attention, and she would forward a link for additional feedback and direction.

“Art Off the Streets” Program (new homeless shelter workshops)

Jean reported that she has met with Debra Swan, the Fredericton Shelters Director, and that workshop times and spaces are confirmed. The program will launch and kick off on Saturday, January 11. The schedule is:

January 11	Jean Rooney – Pour Painting
January 18	Adam Macdonald - Drawing
January 25	Lisa Fullarton – Basket weaving
February 1	Trudy Gallagher – Recycled Jewellery

February 8 Carol Collicutt – Photography

Workshops are confirmed up to mid-February. Jean noted that we can advertise via *ARTSnews* soon to bring in other artists that are interested, once we get the ball rolling.

Downtown Fredericton

Two grant applications have been submitted to Downtown Fredericton for this year, for our AIR Summer Residency Series and for the new Art Off the Streets Program with the Homeless Shelter.

An additional source of funding for the Art off the Streets would be the Fredericton Community Foundation. The deadline for this application is April 1st.

Committees

Jean noted that we need to get the ball rolling on the committee for the Schools programming since she has been contacted by several school requesting artists and partnership for projects. The timing is right also, as this area has had funding cut by government and is an area recognized by the public as being neglected (identified by Nordicity consultancy - arts and cultural survey).

Board Member Update

Jean reported that she had called Bill and asked his permission to advertise and pass his now vacant board position to someone else. Bill thanked us and she mentioned that we would love to have him involved again and our door is always open. We need to return his 3 easels and cooler. (It was agreed that Dan Gleason would replace Bill on the Board.)

Adoption of the report was moved by Katie, seconded by Allen; motion was carried.

5. Treasurer's report – Cynthia

At the end of December our balance was \$29,830 (see attached statements for [November](#) and [December](#)). Transactions relating to the Gala, Cynthia reported, were complete except for the bill from Marie, which she expected soon, and we are still to receive the \$6000 grant from the city supporting the *ARTSnews*.

Cynthia moved, and Katie seconded, adopting the Treasurer's Report; motion was carried.

6. Programs/issues

a. Membership

There was no membership report; Renée noted that the invoice to the Playhouse had been re-sent, but there was no response so far.

b. Committees

Jean noted that we need to move on the artists in the schools issue quickly; she has had a number of unsolicited contacts from schools. Cynthia wondered if we needed to set up a committee. Would it need to be focused on connecting artists and schools? Katie said that we need to attend to schools that haven't explicitly asked, and presumably don't have funds to support such initiatives. Jean noted that the Arts and Culture committee is going to be looking for program action as evidence for further support, and this would be strong evidence of our activity. After discussion, Katie, Dan, Penny and Susan volunteered to work on the issue.

c. AiR exhibition

Jean had already reported on this.

d. Reports for Downtown / City

Jean had already reported on this.

e. RBC Grant

Someone needs to do the grant application. Jean said that she had hoped to create a list of all the regular grant applications, but has not yet been able to do it. After some discussion it was agreed that the RBC grant should be focused on the artists in the schools program, and that the Fredericton Community Association application should focus on the program for homeless shelters.

There was some discussion of strategies for the artists in the schools program. The question was raised whether we should begin by focusing on already active schools or on the more needy ones; no decision was reached. Renée reminded us that we also need to be clear that it's not just about visual arts.

f. Arts and Culture planning process

Jean had already reported on this.

g. Other business

Replacement for Amani as editor of the *ARTSnews*. Cynthia is to check and see when her contract ends; Jean will contact Bridget Spence to see whether she's interested in taking over.

AGM. There is confusion about the terms of members, so it's difficult to decide what to do about elections to the Board. Cynthia will see if she can sort it out from the back financial records; Russ will help by searching the Web site and the emails. After some discussion it was decided that the AGM is to be held at 6:00 on February 17th, in the all-purpose room at the Arts Centre, if it's available. Jean will check availability and book the room; Renée will draft a notice for the *ARTSnews*. Penny will order pizza and beer.

7. Time and date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be preceding the AGM, on Monday, February 17, at 5:00.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00.

Russ Hunt
Secretary