

FAA Board meeting minutes  
Wednesday, June 8, 2016, 6:00 p.m.  
The Pink House, 758 George Street

Present: Sabine Campbell, Katie FitzRandolph, Will Forrestall, Trudy Gallagher, Bruce Gray, Russ Hunt, Heather McTiernan, Tony Merzetti, Cynthia Ryder, George Strunz

Absent: Allen Bentley, Penny Pacey

1. **Call to order** by Katie at 6:04

2. **Minutes** of May 18 board meeting

Approval was moved by Will, seconded by Sabine, and carried

3. **President's report**

Katie summarized [the report](#) she had circulated on email. She noted that though the "Speak Out Fredericton" dates were far in the future we should note them and plan on having some input. She explained that the question marks by names in the list of artists in residence indicated that those artists hadn't yet confirmed their dates; all the rest are confirmed. Tony noticed that Keenan Reimer Watts, though listed as accepted, didn't appear in the schedule; Katie said she'd figure out what that was about. She also explained what she had done with checking references for Katie Augustine, and why she had been denied a placement.

She noted that the consultations on Carleton and Wilmot Parks were imminent, and wondered who might be interested in attending. Heather said she could go to the Wilmot one; Sabine suggested it would be good if two or more people could attend each. Bruce agreed it would be good if we were represented. Sabine said she could attend the Carleton one, and Tony said he would too. Katie said she could attend both.

With respect to the Lieutenant Governor's Awards nomination, there was consensus that our first choice for a nomination would be Brigid Toole Grant, though there was some doubt that she would accept. Katie and Sabine agreed to work on the nomination; Will said he would help with technical issues. Will thought we should agree on an alternative in case Brigid wasn't willing; both Carol Collicott and Stephen Scott were suggested, and it was agreed either would be okay. Katie agreed to phone Brigid and inquire.

4. **Treasurer's report**

Cynthia had circulated the [May statement](#) and [list of cheques](#) on email, and noted we now have reports on two the Art Off the Streets projects. She pointed out that we are now in the spending portion of the year, with little income, and in response to a question from Katie estimated we would come out of the process, after foreseeable expenditures, about \$5000 in the black. She noted that in the Artists in the Schools program we had an expenses request from Alison Murphy for \$680 which seemed excessive but which had been approved by the jury. Katie said that from here on we'll need to request approval in advance for expenses above the norm. Cynthia agreed. Forrest Orser had asked in his report for help with binding expenses, at \$120; Cynthia suggested we allocate a maximum of \$200, payable with receipts. Bruce wondered if that weren't too much; Cynthia said that Forrest was talking about fairly high-quality binding, and it seemed a good idea

given the quality and importance of the work. It was agreed that both the reports from the Art Off the Streets projects had been extremely positive. Cynthia moved approval of the report and the two proposed expenses, Russ seconded, and the motion carried.

#### Travel and meals policy

Cynthia had circulated a draft on email; after some discussion a few further edits were made. It was agreed that we should make sure that in the future the jury is much less independent when it comes to budget. Cynthia moved approval of the edited policy; Russ seconded, and the motion carried.

### 5. Website/Facebook

Katie noted that Cynthia is doing a wonderful job with the Facebook site. Russ said there was nothing to report on the Website (again) and it was agreed to put off discussion till the next meeting.

### 6. Pay for Bridget

In light of the fact that Tony was still to present some proposals for reconfiguring the *ARTSnews* financial situation, and the committee hasn't yet met with Bridget Spence, this was put off till next meeting.

### 7. Programs/Issues

#### a. *Arts in Schools*

In Allen's absence, Katie presented the report he'd submitted earlier:

#### ARTS IN SCHOOLS REPORT

All four approved schools-projects are nearing completion.

The Guidelines, Application and Grants/Expenses forms for the 2016-2017 upcoming term have all been revised and approved by the Anglophone School District West.

Some of us are going to view Jean Rooney's community celebration of her Sculpture Garden project at Geary Elementary School at 9 AM on Friday, June 17  
Allen (Chair AiS Committee)

Katie said the new guidelines forms would be circulated for approval. She moved acceptance of the report, Sabine seconded, and the motion carried.

#### b. *Art Off the Streets*

It was agreed this had been covered in the President's Report. There was some discussion of upcoming projects. Heather wondered if Penny were still overseeing this. Cynthia said that should be clarified; Katie said she would email Penny.

#### c. *Gala*

Sabine said the band was settled and the pianist was almost settled. She said there should be a meeting soon, since the one scheduled on the 23<sup>rd</sup> hadn't happened. It was agreed to set a time now, pending agreement from Allen. After discussion it was agreed to meet on Tuesday, the 14<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 at the Pink House.

There was some discussion of the idea of using the proceeds from a sale to set up a scholarship, an idea left over from a previous meeting. After some discussion it was agreed there were too many difficulties that could be anticipated (for instance simply

overseeing the scholarship), and the idea wasn't practicable. Sabine noted we already seemed to be spending our money pretty well.

## 8. Other business

### a. ARTSnews and membership

Tony circulated and summarized [a document](#) he had prepared following the discussion from last time about rethinking the way the *ARTSnews* is supported. He pointed out that the newsletter itself says that “Individuals and organizations submitting notices are asked to take out a paid membership to the Fredericton Arts Alliance to support the continuation of the *ARTSnews*. Exceptions can be made when this causes undue financial hardship.” Some discussion ensued. Russ said he'd like to take some time to think about this, and that the newsletter committee might want to talk with Bridget about it. Tony agreed, saying he was presenting the document to advance the discussion.

### b. *ArtsNB*

Katie said that since we still oppose the changes being proposed, she would continue to write, and urged everyone else to do so. Cynthia said we should make sure we spoke for ourselves and weren't spokespeople for the FAA (e.g., on the Facebook page).

### c. *Partnership with the Arts College*

Trudy expressed her satisfaction with the way the Keith Parent lecture had gone and with the partnership between the Arts College and the FAA, and urged us to continue to actively promote that partnership, possibly with another event in the springtime. She also said that she regretted not having a brochure promoting the FAA to handout as she does recruitment visitations and other public talks. There was some discussion of the need for a new brochure, and that there were still some copies of the one Clio had done last summer. It was suggested that some of the design students at the College might be interested in that; Trudy agreed, and said that what they need are some images. It was suggested that postcards might be as effective as a brochure, and agreed that both might be useful in different circumstances (handing them out to students is different than leaving information at the Casemates booth or in the city pamphlet rack). Katie and Trudy are to go ahead with this.

### d. *New Board pot luck*

Katie surveyed the group to see who was coming and what they were bringing. It will be 5:00 on Saturday at the Pink House.

## 9. Adjournment was at 7:36.

Russ Hunt  
Secretary