

**FAA Board meeting minutes**  
Wednesday, February 8, 2017, 5:15 p.m.  
Film Coop board room, Charlotte Street Arts Centre

Present: Allen Bentley, Sabine Campbell, Katie FitzRandolph, Will Forrestall, Russ Hunt, Heather McTiernan, Tony Merzetti, Cynthia Ryder, Penny Pacey

Absent: Trudy Gallagher, George Strunz

1. **Call to order** by Katie at 5:21

2. **Adoption of the Agenda**

Adoption was **moved** by Sabine, **seconded** by Tony, and **carried**.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the minutes of the January 11 board meeting was **moved** by Russ, **seconded** by Allen, and **carried**.

4. **Treasurer's report**

Cynthia summarized the [January statement](#), and her [forecast](#) for the next year, both of which had been circulated on email. She noted that the bottom line of the forecast was "not bad." Katie observed that we can be sure of some income from grants and the Gala, so this is a worst case scenario. Cynthia **moved** acceptance of the report, **seconded** by Will, and the motion **carried**.

5. **President's report**

Katie noted that there was a written [President's Report](#), which had been circulated on email. She went through it, expanding on various items.

*ARTSnews*: we still don't know if the extra \$1,000 is wrapped in or if we need to reapply next year, and are waiting to hear from Angela.

Schools: There are four projects on the go, Katie said. Two are the ones we advertised for artists to work on. One, the Park Street school drawing focused on beans drew two applications the one from a local artist was chosen. The other, the New Bandon mural on music, had one phone inquiry from Ron Sajac, which he didn't follow up on; Katie check with galleries for suggestions, and Nadia Khoury suggested Marcus Kingston, whom Katie contacted and was delighted. The other two, Seussical the Musical at Stanley Consolidated and the Kingsclear Consolidated project on First Nation Heritage, had been approved earlier (cf last month's [President's Report](#)). Katie said all the project were solid and the school people are extremely pleased.

Off the Streets: Warren Maddox would like to partner on the grant application.

Summer help: we need to find a home for the student, assuming we get one. Katie noted that since ArtsNB has moved, we will not have access to the shared space above Isaac's Way. She wondered if the Film Co-op might have room; Tony said there might be, by

summer, but he couldn't be sure. Katie said that once we're sure we have a student, we might put out a call for spaces. Heather wondered about the spaces above River Valley Footware. Sabine asked whether some of the empty Art School spaces above the Casemates might be available: Cynthia said they never let go any of their space. Allen wondered about Renaissance College: Katie said we used to use that, and it was convenient for her, as the supervisor, but that they've not been receptive in recent years. Cynthia wondered about the NB Museum. Tony thought there might be space in the Sports Hall of Fame building. Katie said that was worth exploring, but that everybody should be watching for possibilities – that Tony might check with the Hall, and Cynthia with the Museum, and others explore whatever alternatives they can. What we need after all, she said, is just a desk and chair and Wifi. And, of course, it would be good not to avoid having the student completely isolated.

Board vacancies: Katie said that since Tahlia Ferloatte wasn't at the meeting, she couldn't introduce her, but she would call her; she had said she'd be very interested, and Katie thought she'd be a valuable member. Katie also noted that Trudy Gallagher wasn't here, and wondered whether it was time to let her know that it simply isn't working, that the Board needs people who can be at meetings and contribute. Sabine said it would be a good idea to invite her to participate in specific projects. Katie agreed: we should declare the position vacant, thank Trudy and invite her continued participation. Sabine **moved** that we write and thank her for her contributions, ask her to work on projects she can contribute to, and to come back on the board when things are better for her. Heather **seconded**, and the motion **carried**. There were further suggestions for people we might invite to serve on the Board. Katie said we need to look for a range of people, for younger people, for people with contacts different from those already on the board. Heather wondered whether we might put a notice in the *ARTSnews* inviting participation. Tony wondered whether the Chamber of Commerce might have people to suggest. Katie said she'd contact them.

Spring fundraiser? Katie raised the question whether we need the extra money enough to do the extra work entailed. Allen wondered about the status of the possibility of partnering with Habitat for Humanity. Katie said that Cynthia had put her in touch with them, but she hadn't had a chance to follow up. Sabine said she was willing to give that a try, and Katie said she'd forward her the emails so far. Katie said it seemed to her that we don't have energy to create a separate fundraiser on our own. More discussion of the Habitat for Humanity idea ensued. It was suggested that we might just import the art pieces from the H4H into the Gala and share the proceeds. Tony had some suggestions about revising the Gala to expand its constituency and appeal. Katie agreed that involving H4H would appeal to people beyond our usual participants. Allen mentioned the success of the "Arts Battle" in appealing to a younger demographic. Heather thought we might well set up an ad hoc committee to explore such ideas, and wondered who'd be on such a committee. Russ thought that might be something to propose at the AGM, so that we could involve people not on the Board. Katie thought putting it on the AGM agenda would make sense.

Container: Katie said that the committee of Will, George Katie and Penny has not met, that that she would set a date and time. Heather wondered how that committee was

different from the Artists in Residence Committee. Katie said it was focused on painting, logistics, and other issues to do with the change to the container itself.

#### **6. Art in the Schools program**

It was agreed this has already been dealt with.

#### **7. Art off the Streets program**

Katie noted that Warren Maddox has proposed a joint grant application. Heather said she would work with him. It was agreed we don't do anything further till we know whether there is grant money supporting it.

#### **8. Grants**

Katie said that she's almost finished with the Artists in Residence application. There was some discussion of various Fredericton City grants.

#### **9. Residencies**

Sabine reported on the upcoming exhibition at the Library. The artists are set to bring their work in on March 1; we hope to have 16 items. The Library is to do a catalog and poster, and will provide "light refreshments." She circulated a draft of an announcement for "Creations from the Casemates." Cynthia said that the City don't like the use of the word "casemates" in reference to these spaces, and prefer "barracks." Alternate names were proposed and considered: Sabine invited people to email suggestions to her. Katie wondered about setting up a jury to consider proposals for the coming year. There was extended discussion of qualifications and preferences, and many names were suggested. Katie wondered about striking a committee to explore this at the AGM, though we'll still need to be thinking about specific names. She also said that we need to have a look at last year's call for artists and update it. Russ said he'd do that.

#### **10 Container**

It was agreed this has already been dealt with.

#### **11. AGM**

Katie wondered about agenda items – for instance, we'd considered a fundraising committee. Allen wondered whether he, as the nominating committee, should just propose names, and if so, who. He also suggested we need a list of committees we might invite people to serve on. Russ said he'd try to put together a list.

#### **12. Summer student housing**

It was agreed this has already been dealt with.

#### **13. Spring fundraiser?**

It was agreed this has already been dealt with.

#### **14. Other business**

There was further discussion of the Gala question; Sabine said we need a brainstorming session. There was some discussion of whether the usual fall date was the best choice, and whether we

might explore other venues. Logistics about the AGM were also discussed, including locating the pizza order for Milda's from last year. Sabine said she'd arrange beer again. Heather said she'd hoped that there would be an agenda item on committee structure, as she'd raised the problem at the last meeting. She said it seemed to her we need to clarify the committee structure and make it clearer who was on which, which were standing and which *ad hoc*, etc. She thought it might make sense to organize a hierarchy (for instance, a standing communications committee might invite people to work on subcommittees on the *ARTSnews*, social media, perhaps grant writing; or a fundraising committee could oversee the Gala and explore grants to apply for, etc. Russ said that as part of assembling a list of committees he would circulate the list as a basis for discussion. He and Heather agreed to serve as an *ad hoc* "committee on committees" and report back.

### **15. Adjournment**

On motion, adjournment occurred at 6:46.

Russ Hunt  
Secretary