

FAA Board meeting minutes
Wednesday, January 10, 2018, 5:15 p.m. ef
Film Coop board room, Charlotte Street Arts Centre

Present: Allen Bentley, Sabine Campbell, Katie FitzRandolph, Will Forrestall, Russ Hunt, Tony Merzetti, Cynthia Ryder, George Strunz

Absent: Tahlia Ferlatte, Krishna Khaitan, Heather McTiernan, Penny Pacey

1. **Call to order** by Katie at 5:23

2. **Approval of the Agenda**

Three items were added – (a) Summer Student and (b) Email list to Other Business, by Katie, and ANBL Community Foundation to Grants, by Cynthia. Approval was **moved** by Allen, **seconded** by Sabine, and **carried**.

3. **Minutes of November 15 board meeting**

Approval was **moved** by Cynthia, **seconded** by Allen, and **carried**.

4. **Treasurer's report**

Cynthia summarized the [November](#) and [December](#) statements and her [forecast](#) for the next year, all of which had been circulated on email, along with the current [list of cheques for the year](#). She said that the records were all in shape to be passed on to the next Treasurer, including the CRA material (T4s and T4As done), [year-end statement](#) set for the AGM, and the [Gala financial report](#) finished. On the whole, she said, we are not doing badly at all. We still have Art in the Schools money to spend, plus other grants. One of the reasons is that we earned more from the Gala than we ever have, in part because more artists asked for tax receipts and not money than before. Also, this year the Artists in Residence program will probably cost less; we'll be negotiating with NBCCD about hours and length of the season rather than with Fredericton Tourism. Katie thought we should consider increasing artist stipends for the program. Sabine thought we might move some funding to Art off the Streets. Cynthia pointed out we do already have \$4000 for that. She also noted that we'll need to budget for an election forum, since there will be an election this fall. There was some discussion of how much Cynthia and her work will be missed after the AGM. She said she was looking forward to returning in 2019, when some other Board members will be ineligible to continue. Katie suggested that we might want to pay Cynthia to do some of the financial work next year, while she's not on the Board. Cynthia **moved** acceptance of the report, Sabine **seconded**, and the motion **carried**.

5. **President's report**

Katie said that there was nothing not already scheduled in the agenda that needed reporting.

6. **Schools program**

Allen's report:

Of the 6 Canada 150 Projects evolving in the schools three have completed their work and three are evolving throughout January, deadline the 31st.

Several Board members have visited the Gesner Elementary School's reproduction of historic Canadian artists, Park Street School's configuration of 150 Maple Leaves and Leo Hayes School's reconstructions of Philip Iverson's art. The first and third of these productions were moving and powerful, especially Marla Lesage's work with kindergarten kids at the Gesner school in Oromocto which, in its subtlety and sophistication, was almost unbelievable.

Keswick Ridge continues with its Wool project, currently re-arranging times with its lead artist, Lincoln Elementary is still working on the national Anthem, and George Street Middle School is still collaging a multicultural map of Canada. Beth Christie, our AWSO colleague, is keeping watch over this activity and is not worried — at least not yet — that all will not be fulfilled according to scripture.

On the basis of the extraordinary achievement at the Gesner school and cognizant of the number of hours it took the artist to bring it about (well over 25), I think the Board should consider raising the artists' stipend to \$700.

Some of the reports of completed projects were circulated. Katie said that the Board had been invited to attend the Keswick Ridge School project on Thursday, January 18, either at 8:30 or 12:15. She said she could be there early, but had an appointment later. Russ wondered what the occasion was to be, as he understood the project was still ongoing; Katie said she wasn't sure. Russ said he would probably be there, as his wife has been involved in assisting the teacher with the program. There was discussion of the recommendation to raise the artists' stipend. Cynthia wondered about using the money uncommitted for supplies. Katie said we'd need to be sure it didn't promote skimping on supplies; Cynthia said that if we did that it would be after the program was completed. It was noted that some artists have said they thought the compensation wasn't adequate. Allen noted that next year he wouldn't be willing to chair the committee again, though would be happy to be involved.

7. Grants

Katie said it seemed to be good news all around. Angela has said we're OK with the City grant, and we had just learned that in October we were awarded a \$3000 grant from the Community Foundation, but the notice had gone astray in an email. She'll pick up the cheque on Friday. She said we had also received [a letter](#) from the Foundation saying we had a grant of \$1035 from "the Fred & Gladys Memorial Fund," to be "used specifically towards woodworking workshops as part of your *Art off the Streets* project." There was some discussion of how this might work; it was suggested that Bruce Gray might do it, and that perhaps that was in fact what the donors had in mind. If not, there was a discussion of how we might find woodworkers. Russ wondered about the Makers' Space, which was where Bruce had worked. George wondered about providing tools; Russ said he thought that was provided at the space. Allen suggested we consult with Warren Maddox about finding people; Katie said yes, and we should ask him what kinds of projects would be most appropriate, noting that he'll certainly be very happy to know of our funding. Sabine said it would be good to involve Peter Gross again; it was also suggested that Stephen Scott has expressed interest. Will wondered whether we have a statement of criteria for the projects; Katie said we have a call from last year that can be updated. We need to take the actual clientele for this into account, she said, and Warren Maddox will also help with that. When Jean Rooney was involved, we had talked, she remembered, about the workshops providing useful skills for them. Will mentioned the facility at the old Alexander Gibson school in Marysville as a potential work space. Katie said that she's sure Maddox will be happy and have ideas, and if necessary we'll be able to move beyond the specifically granted funds.

Cynthia introduced the idea of putting our name in for the ANBL "lottery" grant (explained in the [form](#) she circulated). All we need to do is put our name in, and there's a quarterly draw for the grant. We don't actually have to explain what we're going to do with the funds (as long as we're a charitable organization), and there are no strings on what we actually use them for. Katie said we should do this; Sabine asked if Cynthia could do it while still Treasurer; Cynthia said, of course. Some discussion ensued of the Community Foundation's practice of handling grant funds on behalf of individual donors. After the meeting, Heather, who had been unable to attend, emailed, saying, in part:

- City Grant for AIR is due in February (we have an application ready to submit, with the "river" theme this year, as discussed at a meeting in late 2017)

- Recent grant from community foundation (Cynthia)
- Application submitted for AIR to Downtown Fredericton Inc in December. Results still TBD.
- Student: Russ reminded us that SEED grant applications are coming due shortly. Open as of January and students have until March 31st 2018 to apply for vouchers. Employers can submit anytime. Suggest we apply Feb, right after AGM?

8. Gala report

Sabine said there wasn't much new to report. She noted that last year we had been worried because the Gala seemed not to be working, but as it happened there was no need for a rethink of the whole thing. Cynthia noted how much difference artists opting for tax receipts had made, and said in part it was due to our requirement that they indicate their choice on the form, in advance.

9. Board membership, AGM

There was much discussion of who will be continuing, who will need to be re-elected, and how many new members we would have to propose. Cynthia is resigning, and it's not clear whether Krishna is continuing. Many suggestions for new members were offered. Russ wondered if we should set up a nominating committee; Cynthia said she thought, in practice, we're the nominating committee. It was agreed that between now and the AGM we should exchange emails, and that Katie would approach people as seemed appropriate.

It was agreed after some discussion that we should continue to order pizza from Milda's.

10. Other business

a. *Summer Students*. It was agreed that we want to apply for both summer student grants, and that this year we need to be earlier in applying and in looking for applicants. Katie said she'd take care of applications.

b. *Email list*. Katie wondered whether we need a policy about using the FAA email list for non-FAA business. Russ said that he didn't think it necessary to adopt a formal policy, and that he'd been in touch with Penny about her apparently inadvertent sending of Shannex emails to the Board.

Katie circulated holiday greeting cards from the Lieutenant-Governor, the Premier, and the NBCC.

11. Next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting will be just in advance of the AGM, on February 7.

12. Adjournment

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 pm.

Russ Hunt
Secretary