

FAA Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 5, 2018, 5:15 p.m.

Film Co-op Board Room

Charlotte Street Arts Centre

Present: Katie FitzRandolph, Allen Bentley, Tony Merzetti, Sabine Campbell, Kitty Maurey, Will Forrestall, Heather McTiernan

Regrets: Russ Hunt, Krishna Khaitan, Penny Pacey

Absent: George Strunz

1. Call to order by Katie at 5:20.
2. Introductions: No introductions were necessary.
3. Approval of the Agenda: (previously circulated) Will moved, Sabine seconded, and carried, the Agenda was approved as presented.
4. [Minutes of August 8, 2018](#): (previously circulated) The Minutes were approved as presented. Sabine moved, Will seconded, and carried. Allen had a question about the suggestion of a Playhouse board member who might join our board. Katie clarified that the discussion was about whether we should get involved with the volunteer matching website, which we did. Anne Lebens contacted us as a result and was invited to come to this meeting. If she does, she will be introduced. (She did not appear.)
5. Treasurer's Report: (previously circulated as [monthly statement](#), [forecast](#), and [cheque register](#)) Tony presented highlights of the Treasurer's Report, including: \$7.53 in interest, \$13.00 telephone, \$16.95 in bank fees (higher than normal because a cheque had to be cancelled), \$1,166.42 in payroll, \$615.00 for Arts News, \$3,550.00 for Artist in Residence. Total expenditures \$5,361. We have just under \$26,000.00 in the bank. We are generally on course for our 2018 budget projections, and will probably end up with more in the bank than anticipated. Will asked if we have had any unanticipated expenses. Tony said that we anticipated spending pretty much everything we have. Record of Employment was submitted for Charlotte. Tony moved adoption, Allen seconded, and carried.

[Heather joined the meeting at this point.]

6. President's Report: Katie says Bob Scott doesn't want money for doing a workshop for the shelter residents – but we need to spend the money because it is dedicated funds. He has already done the workshop, at which Sabine expressed surprise. We do need information at numbers who participated, as we have to include it in our report. It was determined after a brief discussion that Bob could be paid, but donate the money back to us, whereupon it would be part of general funds. Katie has also been working hard on the Election Forum, mostly herding candidates.
7. Schools Program: Katie reports that Beth Christie (AWSD) would like to meet soon with Will, Sabine, Katie and Allen. Four applications are in for the Schools Program. After some discussion, was determined that the group would meet at 8:00 p.m., September 9, 2018 at the Pink House, subject to Beth's availability. Katie will confirm with Beth and ask for a complete set of the applications received so far.
8. Grants: Heather reports that City of Fredericton grant deadline for large community grants (Community Foundation) is in mid-October. We have applied for that successfully in the past, but not last year. Regular grant deadline is February. Our last large community grant application was in partnership with the shelter. Sabine suggested sponsoring writing a play or kids' theatre workshops, which are very expensive to participate in normally. After brief general discussion, we determined that we can put together ideas for large community grants for the next meeting. Heather will look into the kind of projects that have been approved in the past.
9. Streets Program: Will has talked to Stephen Scott but forgot to bring up the Streets Program. Will will follow up to let him know a workshop is available. Katie says a twenty hour workshop series might be a bit much, since the shelter's is a very transient population. Sabine suggested he should also contact Peter Gross, who could advise Stephen on doing these workshops.
10. Artists in Residence: Katie reports that the AiR has successfully concluded for the year. There were a few scheduling problems, but all slots were ultimately filled. There will be an AiR exhibition at the Charlotte Street Arts Centre from October 15-November 15. This coincides with the date for the Gala, and we can also sell Gala tickets at the opening. Heather will assist Katie with the opening. Works will be delivered to Katie's. Hanging will be done by CSAC volunteers. Will is also available to help. Heather will do a final AiR report (due in any event before we can apply for additional funding) and we can send it with an invitation to the Gala.
11. Gala: Sabine reports the Committee met concerning the Gala just prior to this meeting. Need donations of art. Cynthia Ryder will be asked to advertise on Facebook to solicit art works. Katie will try to get something from Gallery on Queen. Sabine says we need big

names to feature on the poster. Sabine shared the draft poster design. She also urged the board members to sell tickets, available from Katie. Entertainment will be by the Fredericton Jazz Collective, featuring an Edith Piaf-like singer, Cat LeBlanc, and likely Heather Fyffe.

12. Election Arts Forum: Katie reports that the Forum happens September 6, 2018. All parties, with the exception of PANB, are sending candidates. All happen to be from the Fredericton South riding, perhaps because it is considered competitive this election. Sabine expressed some frustration with the lack of candidates from the North Side, and suggested that in future we should do something about it. Heather mentioned that Liberal candidate appears to be promoting our forum on her candidate web page as her own event ("hosted by"). We were invited to co-host her event. Heather did not send a message to her, but will request she replace her posting with ours immediately after the meeting. General discussion, and general agreement that this Facebook post is very poor form. (As of the writing of these minutes, the post remained up, along with a graphic that was definitely not ours.) Sabine suggested that perhaps in future we could do two forums, one for Northside and one for Southside candidates. Picaroons was suggested as a possible forum. Katie mentioned that Hanwell and Lincoln area candidates are also traditionally absent from our forum. She's not sure how we can prevent the parties from sending whatever candidates they want to send, when we told them they could send any candidates they wanted from the Fredericton area. Refreshments for the forum will be juice, cookies, and soda water. Katie will purchase these items, along with glasses and napkins. Heather mentioned she is a public servant, so may not be there for the forum, but can help set up. Allen pointed out she was there for the last one, but Heather says that was federal. Sabine says she can be there but not talk. General discussion about whether Heather should be able to attend as a voter. Will disclosed to the group that he is the president of the local PC riding association. Response is that all were aware of that.

13. Other business: Gala tickets are now available for sale, and were distributed to Board Members. There was no other business brought forward. [Sabine left the meeting.] We collectively forgot to schedule the next meeting of the Board.

14. Adjournment: Tony moved to adjourn.

Kitty Maurey
Secretary *pro tem*