

**Delaware Valley Arts Alliance  
Board Meeting  
Delaware Valley Arts Center  
Narrowsburg, NY  
February 8, 2018**

**Attendees:** Allison, J., Bidwell, B., Chergoitis, P., Greene, H., Harrington, S., Hust, D., Kubenik, L., Kung, H., Luchsinger, J., Mayer, P., Myerson, J., O'Brien, R., Owen, W., Sweeny, M.

**Executive Director:** Ariel Shanberg

**Guest:** Rebeca Rivera-Robayo

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:33PM by President Jeff Allison.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made Wendy Owen and seconded by Janice Myerson to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

**Review of 2018 Arts in Sullivan Grant**

Rebeca R. reviewed the process to award Arts in Sullivan Grants. She reported that the new electronic format was well received and the workshops were well attended with a total of 30-40 participants.

A new timeline was discussed so that both the DEC grants could be awarded at the same time.

Rebeca presented the suggestions made by the 2018 panel. A motion was made by Jane Luchsinger and seconded by Sean Harrington to accept the recommendations made by the 2018 Sullivan DEC panel. Passed.

**Director's Report:** The Director's report is attached for review.

**Finance Report:**

A report is attached for review. Mary Sue Sweeny has volunteered to manage the membership component of DVAA.

**Committee Reports have been sent by email. Additional information is below:**

**Executive Committee:**

Strategic Planning Retreat Update: We wish to strengthen our advocacy of the arts and our role as the Arts Council for the State of New York. With this in mind an all arts organization meeting will be planned. Jane Luchsinger will Chair this initiative. Wendy Owen volunteered to help with this project.

Re-Branding Initiative - Dan Hust will Chair the Re-Branding initiative and Wendy Owen will draft an RFP. Jan and Brian will be given the "right of first refusal" since they have been working with us and have an understanding of DVAA.

**Fundraising/Membership:**

Savor the Arts parties have been scheduled:

- Hans Kung, March 22 (Rescheduled for 4/5/18)
- Andrea Henley-Heyn, Pancake Breakfast, April 28
- Uncle Vinny's restaurant date TBD.

A fundraising event may be scheduled in June. Perhaps a Re-branding unveiling.

Pam Chergotis will check with Mildred's Lane regarding a possible Drum Circle event.

Reminder to use the Smile donations to DVAA when ordering from Amazon.com, as well as other matching grant companies.

**Board Development:** Nothing to report.

**Business Development:** Nothing to report.

**Program:** Nothing to report.

**Facilities:** The Facilities Committee has worked diligently to upgrade the reception area of the first floor. The project is approximately 90% completed and the new look has been very well received. Much of the materials have been financed by the Board. Thanks to the hard working committee including Bruce Bidwell, Sean Harrington, Hans Kung, and Richard O'Brien.

**Old Business:** The phone message needs to be updated.

**New Business:** Nothing to report.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Jane Luchsinger to adjourn the meeting at 7:51PM.

Jane Luchsinger