

**Delaware Valley Arts Alliance  
Board Meeting  
Delaware Valley Arts Center  
Narrowsburg, NY  
September 13, 2018**

**Attendees:** Allison, J., Bidwell, B., Harrington, S., Hust, D., Kung, H., Lockwood, K., Luchsinger, J., Myerson, J., Phillips, L., Raazi, J., Stevenson, N., Sweeney, M.  
Executive Director: Ariel Shanberg

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Jeff Allison.

**Board Chair Opening Remarks:**

Jeff Allison commented on the success of the dedication of the Elaine Giguere Arts Alliance building. A large crowd was present for the building and pillar dedications. A special thanks was mentioned for those who worked to make this event a success.

**Big Eddy Film Festival Update:** Tina Spangler

Tina reported that at this time we appear to be headed to a well attended film festival. Frosty Myers documentary is sold out and an encore showing will be added to the schedule. Pre-sales are only \$1,700 behind the *total* sales from last year. Publicity efforts appear in the local newspapers, billboards, WJFF and Tina is working with the new bus company, Catskill Carriage to promote the festival.

**Review of Minutes:** A motion was made by Sean Harrington and seconded by Nancy Stevenson to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried.

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

Of note:

- a. A meeting will be scheduled with the Sullivan County legislature to renegotiate the allocation of funds from the County dedicated to DVAA.
- b. Membership continues to grow.
- c. Performing Arts Director position was offered but the candidate turned the offer down. Ariel will be reaching out to the next candidate.
- d. The Fall schedule is delayed and may not happen this year.
- e. Jane Blake has announced her intention to retire. Ariel will be seeking a new bookkeeper to fill this void.
- f. Ariel will be taking paternity leave in November.
- g. Ariel will be applying for the Sullivan County Innovative grant for Community Foundations.
- h. With NYSCA approval, we will be awarding 2 individual artist grants rather than 1.

**Finance Report:**

The attached report was reviewed. The financial report continues to be positive. Significant areas include a reduction in payroll expenses and a reduction in income from Signatures Gifts. It is believed that more lower priced items should be part of new Signatures inventory and Board members should consider volunteering for Sunday hours.

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

**Advocacy Committee Report-** nothing to report

**Executive Committee** – a meeting is scheduled to discuss :

1. Resource Development
2. Program Development
3. Paternity Leave

**Finance Committee** – no additional information to report.

**Fundraising/Membership:**

Attached for review

**Board Development:** Nothing to report.

**Facilities** – Porches have been cleaned in time for dedications.

**Program:** Waiting for the new Performing Arts to Director to be hired before the committee restructures responsibilities.

**Rebranding Committee Update:**

The committee continues to review companies who have submitted interest in the work to rebrand DVAA. It is hoped that funds will be raised specifically for rebranding.

**Old Business:** Nothing to report.

**New Business:**

1. Janis may have someone interested in taking the piano.
2. Hans proposed a 6x6 show limited to “Members only.” Other benefits offered to members may be an invitation for upper level members to attend the popular Art in 6’s show early.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Jane Luchsinger to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 PM.

Jane Luchsinger  
Secretary