

Board Meeting

March 14, 2024

Present: Dan, Ariel, Jane.

Via Zoom: Mary Sue, Rachel, Wendy, Lily, Ken(partial meeting) Leif (partial meeting)

Dan called meeting to order at 630pm.

Review of Minutes: Motion to accept minutes as written made by Rachel, seconded by Lily and unanimously approved.

SCR GRANTS PROGRAM REPORT: Full Report distributed. The following are highlights.

Signe, Re grants Mgr, gave presentation on SCR Grants program. 36 applicants for Community Arts Grants including 9 new applicants (27%) and applicants from every Legislative District. This year a Compositional Category was added to capture art media that is not visual or literary. Signe held 3 in person information sessions; each with 6-10 attendees and 1 zoom session. Motion to accept SCR Grant Awards as presented by Signe made by Jane, seconded by MarySue and unanimously approved.

Executive Director's Report: Full Report distributed. The following are highlights.

Ariel reported Business Sponsor outreach is underway. Possibly reflecting current economic outlook a couple of sponsors have declined or delayed participation.

3/23/24 is Signe's last day of employment with DVAA. In recognition of her work she will receive Sherry Hersey's

Light Box of the Narrowsburg Bridge in the current exhibition #Love Where You Live. Board Members may contribute to the purchase.

Ariel reported having candidate for GalleryMrg/Grants Mgr position and candidate for Performing Arts Mgr position. Development Associate job has been offered and accepted but job start delayed.

Sullivan Cty Arts Leadership Summit will be hosted by Ariel at the DVAA on April 12. The purpose of the summit is to foster networking amongst arts organizations in Sullivan County leading to improved audience outreach, increased access to skills and resources and greater economic returns for the communities we serve.

Sullivan Cty Visitors Assoc has agreed to cover hospitality costs of event.

Big Eddy Film Festival scheduled for Thursday Sept. 26-
Sunday Sept.29

2025 Exhibition Panel to meet on Saturday 3/16.

Applicant submissions down by 40%.

Treasurer's Report: Finance met but no report. P&L budget vs actual distributed,

Heinrich not present. Ariel reported that financials thru February are under budget because we have not received SCR grant of \$106,000 yet.

Ariel reported current auditors have raised their price again. There has been an increase of \$1000 since 2019 with no substantial change in audit requirements. Heinrich to shop around for new firm well versed in non profit accounting.

Board Development: No written report but Dan reported the following:

Potential new Board member but not available until end of year. Dan will follow up and keep us posted.

Ariel meeting prospective Board member, Kim Martin on Saturday.

Executive Committee: No written report but Dan reported the following:

Exit interview with Signe to be conducted by Dan and Jane on Monday. Report will be made to the Board.

Facilities Committee: No written report but Rachel reported the following:

Facilities committee has developed a list of needed projects. First is replacement of first floor floors from outside the shop thru the kitchen. This includes the entrance way, the gallery, old office, hallway to kitchen, kitchen, and bathroom. A motion to spend up to \$10,000 for the work described above was made by Wendy, seconded by Jane and unanimously approved. Rachel will begin the process of scheduling etc.

Ariel reported that our County Legislator Catherine Scott may have access to funds for which we can apply to defray the cost of this project.

Fundraising Committee: Lilly reported as follows:

The date of The Art Flea has been changed to Memorial Day Weekend.

Board members are asked to become Art Flea Captains to solicit art works. Lily will email Board members

solicitation letter. Works may be dropped off beginning in first week of April.

Program Committee:no report

Capital Committee: Ariel reported as follows:

RFP finalized and sent to all who inquired.

All applications from architectural/engineering firms to be submitted by April 1.

Three applicants have made site visits and another is scheduled for next week.

There are at least 3 applicants including Barbara Davidson for Feasibility Study.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Job description for position of shopkeeper distributed.

Some discussion re job requirements and position duties.

Ariel reported the position which will be 8 hours per week with a salary of \$18/hour will be funded with proceeds from the shop. Motion to approve creation of shop keeper position for 8 hours/week at \$18/hour funded from shop proceeds made by Rachel, seconded by Wendy and unanimously approved.

Ariel presented proposal from Tusten Social which is a local organization providing programming for seniors and youth in the community. Sage Sessions are meetings held twice/month for seniors to foster socialization in the senior community. In addition there is a Sage Singing group that meets twice a month.

Currently Sage Sessions are held at the BakeShop in the Union but shortly that will no longer be available and Sage

Coordinator Greta Knudsen is asking if DVAA can provide space for these meeting. The Board discussed the logistics of this, and the pros and cons of sharing space. The Board acknowledged there is a synergy that could benefit the DVAA. Ariel will address scheduling concerns with The Tusten Social leaders. The Board expressed support for the space sharing arrangement.

Motion to adjourn made by Rachel, seconded by Dan and unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Roth, Sec'y