

Board Meeting September 12 2024

Present: Ariel, Dan, Heinrich, Lilly and Kim
Zoom: Leif, Ken, Rachel, Rennik, MarySue

Dan called meeting to order at 6:36PM

Review of Minutes:

Minutes amended to correct misspelling of Rennik's name. Motion to adopt minutes as amended made by Rachel, seconded by Ken, unanimously approved.

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

2024 NYSCA regrant funds received. Contract for 2025 already signed and funds should be received more expeditiously next year.

Riverfest including poster auction was a big success. Positive responses received from both vendors and attendees.

DVAA copresented with NYFA "Artist as Entrepreneur" workshop. 26 artists participated and the program was well received.

Kacy Colson took full time position with Bethel Woods. Exit interviews conducted by Ariel and by Dan and Leif. Need for benefits was central to her decision to move on.

Round of interviews with replacement Communications Mgr may be finalized next week.

Search for other vacant staff positions continues.

Fiscal sponsorship of Black Library under discussion. Scope of work plan is needed as well as clear understanding of responsibilities and obligations of fiscal sponsorship.

Big Eddy is scheduled for weekend of October 18. Program will include among others intergenerational video conversations with Tina Spengler and Tusten Social and shorts program by New Memories from Parksville. Tech team is in place. Jeff Allison Volunteer Coordinator will begin volunteer recruitment for all events.

Regrants-individual fellowships increased from \$2500 to \$3000; reduced Community Arts by \$2000 and mini grants by \$1000

Matt Nolen and Leslie LeFrank doing window installation to coincide with new gallery shows opening September 14.

Treasurer's Report: Report distributed

To be noted financial impact of staffing vacancies is positive (has not negatively affected revenues) but is not sustainable.

Board Development-no meeting

Facilities- no meeting

Presentation by Capital Committee and architectural firm scheduled for November 5

Fundraising Committee 8/28/24 committee meeting notes distributed. Report by Lilly summarizing Committee meetings. Robust discussion re strategies to move forward with fundraising for year. More information re donor base and results of past fundraising plans to be obtained. Fundraising Committee to continue discussion.

Communications Committee 9/3/24 meeting minutes distributed. Leif will follow up with Board members on a monthly basis re involvement in DVAA activities.

Strategic Committee

Meeting scheduled for Saturday September 15 with consultants for report on Consultants' interactions with various stakeholders.

Old Business

County will not be doing discretionary funding as it has in the past. Monies for recipients may be included in the budget as line item.

Joan Glase has agreed to be involved in 50th Anniversary event.

New Business

Heinrich initiated discussion re:rehabbing bar in Tusten Theater. No plan at this time. Discussion will continue.

Review of Board performance by Board members. Members agreed to Board review but further discussion on plan tabled for future meeting.

Rachel made motion to adjourn; seconded by Heinrich; unanimously agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jane M. Roth secretary