

## **Delaware Valley Arts Alliance Annual Meeting • July 9, 2015**

**Delaware Arts Center**

**Narrowsburg, NY**

**Attendees:** Allison, J., Bidwell, B., Bliss, K., Buckstad, C., Dintiman, R., Greene, H., Hust, D., Kubenik, E., Kung, H., Luchsinger, J., O'Brien, R., Stevenson, N., and Elaine Giguere, Executive Director.

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

**Vote for Board of Directors:** A motion was made by Hans Kung and seconded by Karen Bliss to approve the slate of Board Members to include:

Bruce Bidwell

Mary Sue Sweeney Price

Jane Luchsinger

Nancy Stevenson

Motion passed.

Jeff Allison, President stated the need for two additional Board Members.

**Vote for Board Officers:** A motion was made by Hans Kung and seconded by Nancy Stevenson to request the Secretary to cast the ballot for Board Officers:

President: Jeff Allison

Secretary: Jane Luchsinger

Vice President: Hester Greene

Treasurer: Elizabeth Kubenik

Motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Richard O'Brien and seconded by Nancy Stevenson to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion passed.

### **Finance Report:**

A review of the financial report was discussed. We appear to be on target with our finances. Signature Gifts has shown profits throughout the year contributing in a positive way to our budget. The reason for the Signature Gifts increase in profits has been attributed to more direct sales items in the shop, thereby yielding larger profits.

### **Approval of 2015-2016 budget**

A draft of a conservative budget was presented for review. Although expenses for the Big Eddy Film Festival were included in the budget, revenue was not. Revenue for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala was also omitted. Since the Gala is an additional event for the year, happening a month after the Big Eddy Film Festival, some supporters may wish to contribute to the Gala rather than the Big Eddy Film Festival, making budgeting difficult. The goal is to net a profit of \$20,000 - \$25,000 for the two events.

A noticeable reduction in utilities expenses was reflected in the budget as a result of the efficiency of our new oil burner.

A motion was made by Liz Kubenik and seconded by Jane Luchsinger to accept the proposed budget. Motion passed.

**Review/Comment Annual Report:** A handout was provided listing an impressive number of the events and accomplishments of the DVAA for FY 2014-2015. A suggestion was made to create this list either on a large vinyl or paper large for attendees of theater events to read as they wait.

The complete Arts Happening e-blast will now be e-mailed every 2 weeks and a smaller e-blast announcing DVAA events will be sent every week.

The website is improved. Memberships may be paid on line as well as ticket purchase for the Big Eddy Film Festival and the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala.

### **Reports on Upcoming Events & Festivals**

Riverfest-

1. We need to arrange for a portable credit card machine for the membership table.
2. Valet parking will be available from Firemen's ball field. A suggestion was made to request a donation for this service.
3. Hans presented Bass-ket Ball. Rules need to be created for this game and will be addressed at the next fundraising meeting.
4. Still in need of set-up volunteers. A suggestion was made to reach out to Kohl's and the Job Corp for volunteers.

Gala-

The event will be held in the school from 7 pm -10pm on Saturday, October 17. There will be a cocktail hour, followed by an awards ceremony and a buffet. The goal is to have 200 guests at \$100/each.

The following Gala committees have been formed:

Silent Auction - Pam Meyer

Food – Jeff and Marla

Videos – Nancy and Dan

Site Decoration – Co-chairs: Bruce Bidwell and Robin Dintiman

Members: Barry Becker  
Hans Kung  
Liza Philips  
Karen Bliss  
Jane Luchsinger  
Brandi Merolla  
Wendy ?

**Old Business:**

Nothing to report.

**New Business:**

Nothing to report

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Jane Luchsinger to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM.

Jane Luchsinger