

**Delaware Valley Arts Alliance
Board of Directors Meeting
Delaware Arts Center
Narrowsburg, NY
January 12, 2010**

Attendees: Ahern, C., Bidwell, B., Bliss, K., Boudman, G., Herko, M., Hughes, M., Kung, H., Luchsinger, J., McClernon, R., O'Brien, R., and Elaine Giguere, Executive Director.

Guest: John Ogozalek, Sullivan West High School

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by President Robin McClernon .

Guest Speaker: Karen Bliss introduced John Ogozalek, Social Studies teacher at Sullivan West High School. Mr. Ogozalek informed the Board of a Senior Community Program in which each student must participate. Each student must pick a project in which a problem must be solved. Examples of former projects were creating a fashion show to raise funds for the Senior Trip, collecting books for a prison, making a nature trail, etc. If we have a project that fits the criteria of the program, Mr. Ogozalek advised us to contact him at 932-8401, ext 1242 or by email at ogozalekj@swsd.org

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by George Boudman and seconded by Jane Luchsinger to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion passed.

Financial Report:

George Boudman presented the Financial Report. Overall there was not much change from last month.

We are still waiting for a Stimulus Check, \$10,000 and a County check of \$10,000. We have been approved for a State grant for our Presenting Program, but the amount has not been finalized.

We are \$3,000 behind in income from last year.

We continue to pay off our debt to the Executive Director.

We look forward to the Arts Alive program to boost our financial picture.

Committees

Fundraising – Karen Bliss

Arts Alive program- *Savor the Arts* was the title agreed upon for the Arts Alive kick-off event. A press release was read, edited and approved. An email blast will be sent.

Fifty patrons are being sought to host a Savor the Arts “food” event to raise money for the DVAA. The weekend of April 9th has been designated as the event weekend. Each participant at any of the hosted parties is invited to attend a free brunch at the DVAA on Sunday, April 11. An art auction will take place. We plan to have newspaper journalists at the brunch for reporting purposes. Raffle tickets for a bicycle will be sold at the brunch with the winner to be announced at the 5K walk planned in the spring.

Facilities – Rich O’Brien

Richard and helpers have been hard at work with the following accomplished:

The garage has been organized.

Rick Maloney will be supplying lights in the garage.

The DVAA building and the Theater have been inspected by the Town of Tusten Code Enforcer. Both buildings have passed inspection.

Finance

See above.

Program

Nothing to report

Board Development

A meeting has been scheduled for Monday, January 18th a 12:30 PM.

Director’s Report

Review of Decentralization Grant Awards -

A handout listing the proposed Decentralization Awards was reviewed. A motion was made by Christine Ahern and seconded by Karen Bliss to accept the Decentralization panel’s recommendations as presented. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Nothing to report

New Business:

Christine suggested the DVAA be a featured Arts Organization at the newly established Community Arts Week at Bethel Woods this Fall.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Karen Bliss and seconded by George Boudman to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM.....motion passed.

Submitted by,
Jane Luchsinger