



**September 25, 2006 Board Meeting
Meeting Notes – to be approved**

In Attendance:

Ellen Fineberg
M.L. Geffert
Russell Grazier
George Friese
Chris Greiner
Marge Hubbard
Jane James, Chair
Jennifer Murphy
Leanne Spees
Deb Thompson
Mimi White

Absent:

Tom Holbrook
Blair Hundertmark

Also:

Sue Cobler

Jane James began the meeting at 7:08pm.

1. Review of Minutes

The August 14th minutes were unanimously approved.

2. Nomination/Election of Officers

A motion was made by Mimi White and seconded by Chris Greiner to approve the slate of officers as proposed:

Chair: Russ Grazier, Jr.

Vice Chair: Ellen Fineberg

Treasurer: Leanne Spees

Secretary: Deb Thompson

The motion was unanimously approved.

Mimi White was joined by the board in thanking Jane James for her hard work in her term as chair.



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Sue Cobler, new Art-Speak coordinator, introduced herself and gave the board a brief description of her background. Her tentative hours will be Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:00am – 4:30pm.

3. Treasurer's Report

Leanne Spees distributed to the board the budget for 2005-2006 (for fiscal year ending June 30, 2006 and the budget for 2006-2007 (fiscal year ending June 30, 2007). The total budget, as reflected in her report is \$75,527.32.

Sue was asked to review status of the NEA grant, as shown as anticipated on the 2006-2007 budget .

Russ Grazier reported that he would be attending a grantor's workshop on October 20, 2006 at a cost of \$150 for a full day event. He suggested that the board consider voting to approve funding for Sue Cobler to attend. After some discussion, Ellen Fineberg made a motion that Russ and Sue research opportunities for fund development workshops and that the board allocate up to \$150 for training on this or several other potential programs. Mimi seconded the motion. ML amended the motion with a clarification that the budget source for the monies for this training are to be determined. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Public Art Ordinance

Jane James announced that the percent for art ordinance passed at the recent city council meeting. She encouraged the board to move forward on organizing workshops for artists on creating public art for municipalities. Sue Cobler will work with Jennifer Murphy on putting this together. Sue suggested that a mini-grant might be available for this project, which would supplement funds already in the budget for this workshop. Jane also expressed concern that no framework existed for the execution of this ordinance and she felt that it was Art-Speak's responsibility to create guidelines for the implementation of this ordinance.

After some discussion, it was determined that a task force was needed and would be discussed as part of the smart goal section of the agenda.

5. Federal Home Loan Bank

Jane James reported that the board should determine if the competition was to be one of our priorities for the year, as the deadline for entry was nearing. This item was also placed on the Smart Goals section of the agenda.



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6. Live/Work Space

Jane suggested that Art-Speak follow the progress of the live/work space issue as it may soon be coming under the purview of the Planning Board (as it relates to zoning changes and land use issues). This item was also placed on the Smart Goals section of the agenda.

7. Americans for the Arts Surveys

Sue Cobler reported that 37 organizations responded to the Americans for the Arts surveys (as compared to 19 when the surveys were last administered). After some discussion, it was determined that better communication with the boards of directors of local organizations would be helpful in getting more organizational participation. The organizational component of the surveys closed on September 21st. When the data from the surveys is provided, Sue will work with organizations to help them interpret and disseminate the data.

More surveys are needed to be completed at upcoming events, and Sue provided a list of upcoming events for board members. She suggested that board members sign up to administer surveys for events that they would be able to attend.

The executive committee will review the contract with Beth Shepard Rabadam , who is coordinating the Americans for the Arts survey project, and request a status report.

8. Fundraising

George Friese reported that the GPCF was offering a 10K grant to Art-Speak, with the suggestion that Art-Speak use it as a matching grant. George suggested that it may be used, in part, for funding for Overnight-Art. ML Geffert suggested that perhaps the fundraising and Overnight-Art committees could come together to work on this further. It was suggested that this item be considered as a Smart Goal.

9. Roundtable on Art-Speak Smart Goals

Ellen Fineberg facilitated a discussion of Smart Goals, the results of which are in Attachment A.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19pm.

Meeting notes taken by Deb Thompson, *Secretary*



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