



## February 26, 2007 Board Meeting Meeting Notes

### **In Attendance:**

Jennifer Murphy Aubin  
Ellen Fineberg  
Russell Grazier, Chair  
Jane James  
Leanne Spees  
Deb Thompson  
Mimi White

### **Absent:**

George Friese  
M.L. Geffert  
Chris Greiner  
Blair Hundertmark  
Marge Hubbard

### **Also:**

Sue Cobler

Russ Grazier began the meeting at 7:24pm.

### **1. Review of Minutes**

A motion was made by Jane James, with a second by Ellen Fineberg to approve the January 22, 2007 minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **2. Treasurer's Report**

Leanne Spees presented the budget as of 1/31/2007. \$19,442 has been spent to date this year. She reported that a grant of \$20,000 for the coordinator's contract is anticipated. Any shortfall to fund that contract before the grant arrives will be Anticipated grant: 20K for coordinator contract, which will fund contract through end of calendar year. Russ added that the next grant from NHCF is anticipated for July 2008. We will be applying in the future grants on cycle. We will apply next March for another operating expenses grant.

### **3. President's Report**

Russ Grazier announced that Shelia Shea will be joining the board as of next month. She will attend the March board meeting. Sue will set up an orientation meeting with Sheila and will provide the board with Sheila's bio.



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He also reported that the nominating committee met and created a list of potential board members. The board was invited to suggest names to nominating committee. Because Tom Holbrook has resigned from the board, his vacancy will also need to be filled.

### 4. Coordinator's Report

Sue Cobler's full report is attached. She additionally reported that The Music Hall contacted her regarding Senate Bill 225, which would legalize casinos in Portsmouth. The Music Hall requested that other cultural organizations join them in opposing the bill. Sue will contact Nancy Carmer for feedback on city's position.

Sue also reported that she spoke with Robin McIntosh regarding the Middle School photography project. Robin requested that Sue write a letter of support on behalf of Art-Speak to NHC for a grant that she's hoping to secure for this project. The board agreed to sign a letter to the grantor in support of the project.

### 5. Task Force Reports

#### a. Percent for Art Symposium

- i. Jennifer Aubin reported that this committee met and has scheduled the next meeting for 3/13 at 8:30am. If available, Howard Ben Tre, an artist from Rhode Island, will be the keynote speaker as this event. Panel still being assembled. Judy Rigmont declined but recommended Julie Mento will be asked. NEFA member might be asked. Priority for March meeting: finalize panel and shape of day. Start working on invitee list. **May 11<sup>th</sup> is symposium, 9-12.**

#### b. Public Art Ordinance Implementation Plan

- i. Jane James reported that committee had a very productive meeting with Julie Mento, along with Sue Cobler, Nancy Carmer and Bob Sullivan. The next meeting is scheduled for March 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### c. Live/Work Zoning Ordinances

- i. No report.

#### d. Board Recruitment

- i. **Board encouraged to send names for recruitment to nominating committee (Russ, Blair, or Mimi).**

### 6. Old Business

No old business.

### 7. New Business

No new business.

### 8. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm.

Meeting notes taken by Deb Thompson, *Secretary*



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**Art-Speak, City Cultural Commission Board of Directors (alpha order)**

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Jane James  
Deb Thompson, *Secretary*  
Leanne Spees, *Treasurer*  
Mimi White  
Nancy Carmer, *Ex Officio*  
John Bohenko, *Ex Officio*