



Art-Speak
CITY OF PORTSMOUTH CULTURAL COMMISSION
July 23, 2007 Board Meeting

In Attendance:

Ellen Fineberg
Russell Grazier, *Chair*
Chris Greiner
Jane James
Sheila Shea
Leanne Spees
Deb Thompson

Absent:

Jennifer Murphy Aubin
George Frieze
Blair Hundertmark
Mimi White

Also:

Sue Cobler
Faith Swimer, Union Leader

Russ Grazier began the meeting at 7:06pm.

1. Review of Minutes

The June 25, 2007 minutes were unanimously approved with no changes.

2. Treasurer's Report

Leanne Spees presented the board with the current fiscal year budget as of 6/30/07. The balance remaining in the budget is \$26,807, with \$34,251 total expenses to date.

Leanne reported that she met with the trustees of the trust fund on July 12, 2007. She also presented the board with the 2007-2008 budget, which differed slightly from the budget the board reviewed at the last board meeting because of an increase in interest income. That increase was applied to the Program Administration component of the budget.

3. President's Report

a. Slate of Officers of 2007-2008

- i. Russ announced that the executive committee has agreed to stay on for one more year pending board approval.
- ii. Jane James made a motion, with a second by Sheila Shea, to approve the slate of officers. The motion was unanimously approved.

b. Board Recruitment



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- i. Russ requested that the board reinstate the nominating committee and review the nominating process. The nominating committee will consist of Russ Grazier and Blair Hundertmark. Mimi White will be invited to join the committee as well.

4. Task Force Reports

a. Americans for the Arts Survey

- i. Leanne reported that the committee met at Strawberry Banke last week and looked at Stoodleys' Tavern as a potential venue for the Friday morning AFTA rollout workshops. The location can accommodate a maximum of 50 people. The reception on Thursday night will be held at Seacoast Repertory Theater. "Save the Date" post cards and emails will be sent out tomorrow.

b. Overnight Art

- i. Chris Greiner reported that the committee met two weeks ago and decided to increase the number of commissions to seven projects. The budget, which consists of stipends, honorariums, and administration costs, will now be approximately \$20,000. The time frame for the event is mid-May to mid-June. The pieces would appear over the course of 7-10 days and then remain on view for a month. The committee is also considering keeping all pieces on public property, and came up with a list of 10 potential locations. Individual and corporate sponsorship packages are being put together.

5. Planning for FY08

- a. Russ Grazier suggested that the board look into public art opportunities in the city that might exist outside of the percent for art program and that tie in to the cultural plan such as:
 - i. Parking garage
 - ii. Riverwalk
 - iii. Market Street Extension
- b. Jane James suggested that the board work with city and housing partnership to do state level advocacy for affordable housing
- c. Other suggestions for FY08 included cataloging public art and looking into restoring existing pieces. The board also suggested that the public art advocacy committee reconvene. The committee consists of Deb, Ellen, and Jane and possibly two non-board members.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

- a. Leanne reported that Deb Tomblison invited Russ to speak on August 18th to talk about AFTA rollout and Art-Speak.

8. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Meeting notes taken by Deb Thompson, *Secretary*



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

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Leanne Spees, *Treasurer*
Mimi White
Nancy Carmer, *Ex Officio*
John Bohenko, *Ex Officio*