



**Art-Speak**  
CITY OF PORTSMOUTH CULTURAL COMMISSION  
**June 15, 2009 Board Meeting**  
**Meeting Notes**

**In Attendance:**

Ellen Fineberg, *Chair*  
Russell Grazier  
Chris Greiner  
Blair Hundertmark  
Jane James  
Steve McHenry  
Anna Nuttall  
Sheila Shea  
Leanne Spees  
Deb Thompson

**Absent:**

**Also:**

Sue Cobler

Ellen Fineberg began the meeting at 6:35pm.

**1. Review of Minutes**

The May 18, 2009 minutes were unanimously approved.

**2. Officer Nominations/Vote**

- a. Russ Grazier made a motion to nominate Peter Michaud to the Art-Speak Board of Directors. The motion was unanimously approved.
- b. Russ Grazier made a motion to propose the following Slate of Officers for FY09-10:
  - President: Jane James
  - Vice President: Steve McHenry
  - Treasurer: Leanne Spees
  - Secretary: Chris Greiner
  - At-Large Member: Sheila SheaThe motion was unanimously approved.

**3. Fox Run Mall Artists Space**

- a. A representative from Fox Run Mall contacted Sue and reported that they have space available for below market rental in their mall. Jane James and Anna Nuttall will meet with those representatives to get more detailed information about what this offer entails.



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**4. Treasurer's Report**

Leanne presented the budget as of 5/31/2009 (see attached). Leanne also presented the Board with a proposed 2009-2010 draft cash budget. The income is estimated at \$34,841.37 (before a final interest number is obtained). The expenses are estimated at \$43,965.68. There is available money in the trust fund that may be used to cover the deficit if needed. There are three outstanding grants that may also be used to cover the deficit.

Steve McHenry made a motion to approve the proposed draft budget with the understanding that Leanne will make minor modifications as final budget numbers are made available. The motion was unanimously approved.

**5. Committee Priorities Review/Task Force Reports**

**a. Outreach**

- i. Sheila Shea reported that the Seacoast Local Festival was a successful event.

**b. Symposium**

- i. Leanne presented a draft program for the Symposium, which will take place on June 23, 2009 from 5:30 – 7:00pm. Board Members were asked to arrive at 4pm to help with set up, etc. Board Members were asked to contact City Council Members and other Commissioners, as appropriate, to invite them to the Symposium.
- ii. A formal exhibit at the Discover Portsmouth Center is no longer possible as cases were needed to display items relating to the sculpture.

**6. Jackie Abramian Workshop Proposal**

- a. Jackie Abramian, of the Haley gallery, is proposing a workshop for artists on new social media tools. The Outreach Committee will follow up on this and determine what, if any, action may be taken.

**7. Strategic Planning Meeting**

The Board agreed to a strategic planning meeting on Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> from 4 – 9pm. This is in lieu of the July Board Meeting. A second back up date was set for Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup> from 4 - 9pm.

8. The Board thanked Ellen Fineberg for her service for her term as President.

**9. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

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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Anna Nuttall  
Sheila Shea  
Leanne Spees, *Treasurer*  
Deb Thompson, *Secretary*  
Nancy Carmer, *Ex Officio*  
John Bohenko, *Ex Officio*