



Art-Speak
CITY OF PORTSMOUTH CULTURAL COMMISSION

**March 15, 2010 Board Meeting
Meeting Notes**

In Attendance:

Diane Cabal
Tom Cocchiaro
Ellen Fineberg
Russell Grazier
Chris Greiner
Jane James
Peter Michaud
Sheila Shea
Leanne Spees

Absent:

Molly Ferrera
Blair Hundertmark
Steve McHenry
Anna Nuttall
Jody Record

Also:

Sue Cobler

Jane James began the meeting at 6:36pm.

1. Review of Minutes

The February 8, 2010 minutes were unanimously approved.

2. Treasurer's Report

Leanne Spees reported that total expenditures for February were \$9,963.17. She recommends that \$10,000 be re-allocated from the trust in order to help pay for the coordinator's contract for the remainder of the year.

3. PSNH Operating Grant

Sue Cobler reported that Doris Burke confirmed that Art-Speak was awarded a \$5,000 operating grant. The monies have not been received yet.

4. Committee Reports



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a. Overnight Art

- i. Chris Greiner reported that the jury met, and the winners were chosen and notified. Winners are Jeannie Givens, Sarah Haskell, Jeff Hyland, Annika Wisswaesser, Carly Glovinsky and Matt Wadja, and Donna Dobson. Sponsorship pledges (and additional funds raised) to date total \$15,590.

b. Outreach

- i. Russ Grazier reported that phase two of the Artworks project is just about to start. Bill Hurley at Infinite Imaging has agreed to host the closing reception for the exhibition at his new location on Islington Street. Reception is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 26.
- ii. Russ also reported that Youth Art Month is happening this month and Art-Speak coordinated more than 35 pieces of student art hanging in downtown businesses.

c. Public Art

- i. Jane James reported that the public art committee met because the city has received a request for a donation of a piece of art to Pierce Island.
- ii. Jane also reported that the Percent for Art funds allocated for Fire Station II were rescinded by the City Council.

5. Constituency Building

A discussion was held about how Art-Speak can build advocacy for itself and arts and cultural related issues. It was suggested to connect with AFTA NEFA, and NH Citizens for the Arts. Diane Cabal, Ellen Fineberg, and Tom Cocchiaro will form an Advocacy Committee to begin to create a strategy.

6. Additions to the Agenda

Diane Cabal reported that she and Tom Cocchiaro attended a meeting hosted by NH Citizens for the Arts that dealt with the subject of arts advocacy.

7. Review of New Action Items

8. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:24pm.

Meeting notes taken by Chris Greiner, *Secretary*



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Nancy Carmer, *Ex Officio*
John Bohenko, *Ex Officio*