



Art-Speak
CITY OF PORTSMOUTH CULTURAL COMMISSION

**July 26, 2010 Board Meeting
Meeting Notes – to be approved**

In Attendance:

Robin Albert
Diane Cabell
Tom Cocchiaro
Meganne Fabrega
Molly Farrera
Chris Greiner
Sarah Haskell
Steve McHenry
Peter Michaud
Anna Nuttall
Christine Penney
Jody Record
Leanne Spees

Absent:

Russell Grazier

Also:

Sue Cobler

Steve McHenry began the meeting at 6:35pm.

1. Introduction of New Board Members

New board members, Robin Albert, Meganne Fabrega, Sarah Haskell, and Christine Penney were introduced.

2. Review of Minutes

Chris Greiner made a motion to approve the June 21 minutes with the correction of the spelling of Meganne Fabrega and Robin Albert's names.

3. Treasurer's Report

Leanne Spees reviewed the almost-final FY2010 budget, which is still missing some income. Leanne reported that the income for June was \$0. Expenditures were \$9,116.35. Close to \$41,000 will roll over into the FY2011 (\$25,000 of which is held in the trust fund.) The Treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

4. Committee Reports

a. Overnight Art



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- i. Chris Greiner reported a total of \$24,486.30 was raised towards the Overnight Art exhibition. Our current expenses are \$17,220.86, leaving a surplus of \$7,265. An extremely successful reception was held on June 24 at the Sheraton Grand Ballroom. Art-O-Meter funds are being collected and the OA programs are being distributed regularly by Clark Coker. The A-S website has been updated to represent the latest information. Leanne Spees, Sue Cobler and the OA artists made a presentation to the Portsmouth Rotary on July 8.
- ii. A motion was made to return all OA artworks back to the artists at the end of the exhibition and unanimously approved by the board. The committee will draft the letter to the artists explaining the board's decision

b. Outreach Committee

- i. Anna Nuttall reported that they are in the ArtWorks grant evaluation stage. A report is being written to provide a framework for other school districts to duplicate the project. A small grant application for another project has been submitted.

c. Public Art / Advocacy Committees

- i. The % for Art policy vis-à-vis the Middle School will be tackled by a too-be-determined committee at a future board meeting

d. AFTA Art & Economic Prosperity Study

- i. Sue Cobler reported that the preparations for this study will begin this September with a contract signed with AFTA committing us to this project. The fee to participate in this project is \$5000, but has been waived by AFTA in the past – Jane James is working to have the fee waived once again.

5. Additions to the Agenda

- a. **Retreat/Future Planning** – a discussion was held around if and when a special/extended board meeting around creating a work plan for the coming year.
- b. **New Board Nominee** – Liz Wright was approved as a new board member, with one abstention and one opposition.

6. Review of New Action Items

7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Meeting notes taken by Chris Greiner, Secretary.



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

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Diane Cabal, *Vice Chair*
Tom Cocchiaro
Meganne Fabrega
Molly Ferrera, *Treasurer*
Sarah Haskell
Russell Grazier
Christopher Greiner, *Secretary*
Steve McHenry, *Chair*
Peter Michaud
Anna Nuttall
Christine Penney
Jody Record
Leanne Spees
Nancy Carmer, *Ex Officio*
John Bohenko, *Ex Officio*