



Art-Speak
CITY OF PORTSMOUTH CULTURAL COMMISSION
February 14, 2011 Board Meeting
Meeting Notes

In Attendance:

Robin Albert
Diane Cabell
Tom Cocchiaro
Meganne Fabrega
Molly Ferrara
Russell Grazier
Chris Greiner
Steve McHenry
Peter Michaud
Anna Nuttall
Leanne Spees
Liz Wright

Absent:

Sarah Haskell

Also:

Sue Cobler

Steve McHenry began the meeting at 6:34pm.

1. Review of Minutes

The board unanimously approved the meeting minutes from January.

2. Treasurer's Report

Molly Ferrara reported that January expenses were \$3,891.60, and January income was \$965.00. A-S is still looking at a \$3,000 shortfall by the end of this fiscal year, which would require us to transfer funds from the Trust before June 30, 2011.

3. Committee Reports

a. AFTA Committee: Liz Wright asked that each board member attend an event by the end of March. At this point 32 surveys have been turned in. Liz also reported that we have reserved March 25, 9:30-10:30 am at the Levenson Room in the Library to speak to local A&C organizations about Art-Speak, the benefits of AFTA and how we can assist them in filling out their AFTA questionnaires. Board members are asked to bring a baked good that morning.

b. Marketing Committee: Tom Cocchiaro reported that the committee has not met since the last board meeting, but he has been doing research ahead of the RFP for



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the website redesign. Meganne continues to post information/news to FB and Twitter.

- c. Development Committee:** Meganne Fabrega reported that the committee met on January 26 to discuss grant opportunities: NHSCA, Provident Community Foundation, PSNH, Portsmouth Rotary William Cash Fund. Meganne also reported on a youth arts grant that is upcoming, and perhaps collaborating with New Heights. Next meeting is the week of the 22nd.
- d. Outreach and Education:** Anna Nuttall reported that the H(EAT) program is in full swing, working with Pixels and Pulp design company. The board voted and approved that Pixels and Pulp has been selected as sole source contractors for the program. There will be a culminating event for (H)EAT later in the month. Youth Art Month is moving forward for March – Anna is coordinating with the help of a handful of volunteers.
- e. Public Art:** Peter Michaud had a meeting with Jane James and Ellen Fineberg and Jeff Hyland regarding the Public Art Committee and priorities for the coming year, including the Middle School 1% for the Arts project. The Public Art Acquisition Committee is organizing an initial meeting.
- f. Nominating:** Russ Grazier has organized a meeting for March 2, and submitted a comprehensive report with a nominating timeline, areas of need, tasks, and an initial list of names proffered.

4. Additions to the Agenda

- a.** Diane Cabell submitted her resignation as Vice President effective immediately, but will remain on the board through the end of March. The board thanks Diane for her service to the organization.
- b.** The board voted unanimously to elect Meganne Fabrega as an interim Vice President.
- c.** The board also discussed options for the A-S Annual Symposium and created a committee of Robin Albert, Liz Wright, Peter Michaud, and Chris Greiner.

5. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

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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Sarah Haskell
Russell Grazier
Christopher Greiner, *Secretary*
Steve McHenry, *Chair*
Peter Michaud
Anna Nuttall
Leanne Spees
Liz Wright
Nancy Carmer, *Ex Officio*
John Bohenko, *Ex Officio*