

Board of Directors Meeting
Art-Speak
January 14, 2013
(date change due to Martin Luther King Day)
Portsmouth City Hall

President Reardon called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

MOTION by Brown:

Move that the unit board shall reimburse the fee to any board member who attends the seminar.
Seconded and passed. Dissenting: Moneypenny, Adams.

Treasurer's Report:

MOTION by James:

Move to increase

Present: Sandra Acox, Robin Albert, Cathy Sununu, Nancy Pearson, Anna

Absent: Sarah, Liz, Nancy

Move to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2012 meeting.
Seconded and carried without dissent.

Treasurer

Treasurer (Anna's Last name) stated that there will be a revision date on the Budget and it will be changed to the 14th. A payment of \$1,000 was paid to Randy Cohen, to the Americans for the Arts, and \$57.00 to Tidel Media. Robin made a motion contingent upon date change.

Board Donations

Robin added that it's the beginning of the year and a reminder for Board members to donate to Art-Speak so that when seeking donations we can add that Art-Speak has 100% Board participation.

Sandra mentioned that it would be a good idea for Art-Speak join New Hampshire Center for Non-Profits (<http://www.nhnonprofits.org>) along with 600 non-profit members throughout New Hampshire. The fee is \$85.00 and comes with many opportunities including grants, best practices, job-postings, non-profit insider which announces grant recipients and many publicity opportunities. The Board decided that this would be a good use of funds and Cathy Sununu moved to give Sandra authority to join on behalf of Art-Speak, the board approved.

Portsmouth Middle School

Cathy briefed the group on Wednesday's meeting at the Portsmouth Middle School. At the city's request, Art-Speak has developed an RFP (Request for Proposal) Under the city's *Percent for Art ordinance* a \$35,000 grant for public art to be incorporated into the new building. At Wednesday's gathering 14 artists attended (4 or 5 from Boston area) The artists took several photos and ask questions. Robin asked how the project would be publicized. It was mentioned that JBC Art Committee has made the shift that Art-Speak handles all RFP's. Cathy and Sandra will meet to discuss review process. Anna will select student to be on selection committee. It

was also mentioned that it would be a good idea to hold a training session for reviewing art for the selection committee. Sandra will be meeting with Chuck McMahon of the Portsmouth Herald and will inform him of the PMS project and publicity opps.

Sandra will look into booking next three months of Board meetings in the downstairs conference room to give Board access to projector. If for some reason we aren't able to secure room, Robin (?) added that she has access to a project for us to use.

Nancy Pearson reported that a grant has been submitted by Nancy Carmer (Economic Development Director for the City of Portsmouth) for a \$50,000 grant for "Our Town." Grants meets cultural plan and will partner with Discover Portsmouth. Art-Speak will be notified in September, 2013 as to whether or not we have been awarded the grant. Sandra will provide a copy of the grant submitted to Board members.

Awards for the Arts

Robin Albert received information regarding nominations for NHBC for the arts and was inquiring as to whether or not Art-Speak would be interested in nominating anyone. This discussion led to the question as to whether or not Art-Speak should have their own artists award. The group very much liked the idea and it was agreed that a sub-committee should be created to start the process. Sandra added that perhaps it could be incorporated into an annual event combining the Annual meeting/Web-site Kickoff/Awards events along with any other significant "happenings."

Potential Board Members

Robin shared her experience with Linked In and explained that it enables those who "Link In" to recruit Board Members by selecting certain criteria. Robin asked that if we choose to join Linked In, to choose should connect to each other which would allow us to check out this option. The group did a review process as Robin read the list of companies that met her criteria.

Anna also read a list of potential names for new Board members she will be approaching and will keep us posted as to their response.

Robin thought it would be a good idea to invite potential Board members to sit in on a Board meeting to get an idea of how the meetings are conducted. Everyone agreed that with notice this would work.

Nancy mentioned that they might not have time to sit on a Board but perhaps on a sub-committee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Minutes submitted by Coordinator Sandra Acox substituting for Secretary _____.

Next meeting will be held on February _____ in the downstairs conference room