



Minutes for Art-Speak Board Meeting **6-17-13**

May minutes

- Cathy made a motion to accept, all accepted.

Board Nominations/Positions

- Robin A nominated Nancy Pearson to continue as President.
- Cathy Sununu seconded and the board was unanimous in their agreement.
- Robin L-M nominated Anna Woods to continue as treasurer.
- Robin A seconded and the board was unanimous in their agreement
- Nancy P nominated Robin Lurie-Meyerkopf to become secretary.
- Cathy Sununu seconded and the board was unanimous in their agreement
- All nominations were for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.
- Orientation for new board members – Larry and Alan -with Nancy C. She will coordinate this with them.
- New Officers – Secretary Robin L-M, Treasurer Anna Woods, VP – putting this on hold for now, President – Nancy P
- Nancy P answered CJ's email about being a prospective board member. Sarah met with him twice. He has decided he does not have the time to devote at this point.
- Nancy P met with Patrick Healey – do we want to reconsider him? She will invite him to one of our upcoming board meetings. Cathy will just double check to make sure he is not an artist from the MS RFP

Budget/Admin.

- Moving forward Nancy P wants any action items listed at the bottom of the minutes each month. These will also be starred items in the minutes.
- Only change to budget was \$150.00 donation, altogether \$1350.00 in donations this fiscal year.
- Anna discussed the budget, we increased the membership amount to join other organizations now that we have a new director.
- All the website expenses have been combined.
- Approval of Treasurer's report. Approval of budget for 2013/2014 fiscal year.

Fundraising/Grants

- Robin A discussed fundraising or grant opportunities now that we have a director in the office.
- We received the \$15,000.00 from the city for our 2013-2014 budget. Looks like A-S needs to raise \$7,000.00 this upcoming fiscal year.
- It was suggested that we put fundraising and grant writing on the August or Sept. agenda.

- Nancy P – Non-Profit Times just came out with new grant opportunities, some are regional but many are national. Good place to look for grants in the future.
- NH Center for Non-Profits website would also be a good place to check out in the near future.
- *Nancy P suggested we put the fundraising and grant writing on the July agenda.

Robin A Annual Symposium Update

- gave background of the event to Emma.
- Co-hosted the event with Discover Portsmouth (DP) on May 29th on shared resources.
- *Next shared resources meeting July 10 from 9-10:30 at DP
- DP wants to continue this discussion – joint challenges and solutions
- Research grant opportunities to help this initiative move forward.
- Either A-S or DP will facilitate the event.
- The Monadnock Arts Alliance is a good site and group to check out as they started out small and now have grown.
- Cathy will reach out to the Monadnock Arts Alliance to introduce them to A-S and to see if we can gather more info about their organization for future help.
- We need to create an agenda for the July 10th meeting – what is the outcome we want?
- What is A-S's role?
- The group/alliance needs a strategic plan with action items.
- Nancy P - The facilitation of this event should come from A-S.
- Follow up committee meeting on Fri June 21st 7:30 am at Popovers (as of this time this meeting already occurred though I sent the action items out to everyone after the meeting)
- Nancy P will create a CC and send it out tot the A-S lists. (already done at this time)
- Cathy met with Laura Callhoon from DP about docent training for all volunteers around the city from the museums and historical houses. She will keep us updated on this development.

CCX Conference

- Cathy gave an update on the held in Portland ME. Robin L-M (one day) and Cathy (both days) attended.
- Folks from all over NH attended.
- Economic Dev. from Pawtucket RI did an interesting presentation.
- LiveWorkPortland.org talked about rebranding Portland.
- Should we look into Portsmouth hosting at some point?

% for Art/Public Art/Art in Public update

- sent an email to the RFP artists outlining where the process is at the moment and about the approval of the bond to fund the rest of the MS project.
- Update on the JBC committee.
- Cathy met with Nancy C about public arts guidelines. Brought her up to date on the process and where we are at this point in time.
- Lots of information about the guidelines, the more we work on these the more complicates they get.
- Acquisition guidelines were not written well the first time around – trying to update them.
- There are 2 bank accounts we will combine – public art trust for maintenance of art work and an art account with \$500 left in it. These will now just be the Public Art Trust account.
- Public Art Advisory Board/Committee – Cathy talked to Nancy C about this as a subcommittee of A-S. This board/committee would meet regularly not just as needed.
- The Public Art Committee has hired an unpaid intern for the summer to catalogue all the public art/art in public. She is Sydney Bilodeau a geography/studio art major from UNH. She will make notes if any art needs a professional look for maintenance.
- A professional can then come out and look at the art and give an estimate of what the repair work would cost. At his point we may be able to apply for the NH Moose plate grant.
- We could also have a fundraising campaign to raise funds for repairs.

website

- Will update the website with the July 10th info and a link to register for the event.

Chamber Business Meeting

- Alan provided update on the on the first Wed. of the month.
- Destination Tourism Committee – Emma, as our new director, should attend these meetings. This group is focused on creating functional groups based on tourism.
- One Focus – How to get more folks to visit Portsmouth.
- Alan is focused on the cross section of the arts and business.
- Nancy P gave Emma a little background on A-S and our interest in collaborating more with the business community.
- Robin A – should we create an information packet for businesses? Emma can initiate this as soon as she is comfortable in her new position.

Action Items

- Nancy P suggested we put the fundraising and grant writing on the July agenda.
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- Nancy P will create a CC about the July 10 meeting and send it out tot the A-S lists.

- NP will also update the website with the July 10th info and a link to register for the event
- Cathy will reach out to the Monadnock Arts Alliance to introduce them to A-S
- NP will invite Patrick Healey to one of our upcoming board meetings.
- Cathy will just double check to make sure he is not an artist from the MS RFP
- Emma will work on information packet for businesses once messaging is defined
- For our next State of the Arts meeting next June (2014) Nancy P would like to do a ppt, it will help create a visual picture for the city officials.