

**Art-Speak Board Meeting 7-15-13**  
**Minutes for the Art-Speak Annual Meeting**

\*action items

Celeste Ladd will be invited to our next board meeting for the first ½ hour.

\*Cathy will make sure to invite her.

Cathy made the motion to approve the June 2013 minutes and Robin A seconded – unanimous approval.

Anna out, discussed the budget, Anna will further explain when she is here for the August meeting.

Emma's Director's report: Nancy P & Emma are working on a little rebranding of Art-Speak. Emma's exploring other websites/art groups from around the country and she and Nancy P will unveil the new updates soon.

Annual Symposium-Shared Resources Debrief – we discussed the meeting and Art-Speak will be taking the lead on creating the agenda (with a small group of participants from the meeting) and some next steps.

Richard Candee proposed a meeting about facilities/space issues.

The Art-Speak public forum got spammed and had to be shut down. Nancy P is having difficulty getting into the Admin section and open up the forum back for public use.

Emma will connect with Richard Candee about the meeting and to thank him for his attendance & for taking the lead on this facilities group.

Robin A proposes a cross-cultural team who is committed to doing some research about other arts alliance models. This would show a reason to actually write a grant, to help us set some strategic planning goals to eventually work on a proposed alliance. Cathy mentioned that this feels like the second phase of our cultural plan for Portsmouth. Nancy P mentioned that one of the groups came up with categories with goals & objectives that could be used when applying for a grant(s). Discussed having a small core group to begin the discussion of next steps.

There was much discussion about these issues.

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\*Emma will thank people for coming to these events, a little preview of our discussions, attach the attendee list and let them know we will be sending the agenda for the Sept 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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Revisiting Bylaws – these are a little out of date.

\*Nancy P will email Emma and Emma will email the bylaws to the board. We need to work on this and make some changes.

Robin A proposed using our October meeting to go over the bylaws.

Fundraising – We need to discuss this as the city will be expecting us to raise some funds for our budget in the fiscal year 2013/2014. Cathy mentioned that there are some things in the works for either grant writing or fundraising opportunities in the near future. Our August retreat/meeting will be a good time to discuss this issue and come up with a timeline.

Board Recruitment – we have had some interest but it has not worked out for some of the people we have had discussions with. Celeste Ladd is interested and will attend a board meeting in the near future.

We discussed who in the community might have an interest in Art-Speak. We will all be thinking of people who would make good board members.

\*Alan will talk to Valerie at the Chamber about any people she knows who may be interested on being on the Art-Speak board.

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Nancy P would like to send letters to the city councilors, the mayor and city manager to thank them for passing our budget for the new fiscal year.

Cathy suggested we ask the city councilors, the mayor and the city manager if any of them would like to meet to help them understand more about Art-Speak and update them on any current arts issues.

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Public Art/Art in Public – Cathy gave us an update - pretty much status quo. Kind of quiet during the summer months. We have 24 submissions to the Middle School RFP from artists all over the US– this is still on hold until things get closer to the finishing of the building.

Creative Communities Steering Committee – Judy Rigmont has resigned and CC will now come under the State Council of the Arts and they will hire someone for 10 hours per week to administer some of this work. Nancy P and Cathy attended this meeting. They gave us an update of the meeting.

New Business – Alan brought up social media. Alan's wife Susan has volunteered to run a workshop for folks on Linked –In, for individuals and/or businesses.

**Next Exec. Committee meeting August 13, 7:30 – 8:30 am**

**Next Board meeting August 19, 5 – 9 pm 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Portsmouth City Hall**

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