

**SIoux EMPIRE ARTS COUNCIL
HORSE BARN ARTS CENTER
ANNUAL MEETING – January 24, 2008 -- Minutes**

ATTENDING:

Board Members: Stacey McMahan, Ann Davis, Jason Herrboldt, Bernie Schramm

Guest: Marilyn Zimmerman

Staff: Deb Klebanoff, Steve Larson, Tara Barney

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by President Stacey McMahan.

MOVIN' ON UP – THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Stacey gave a brief overview of the events of 2007 and accomplishments of the Council: new programs in the Horse Barn Arts Center; ENEWS for members; Middle School Community Youth Mosaic completed; the “Incomplete” student mentoring sculpture by Jordan Thornton and her artist mentor, Edward Thompson; another successful Mayor’s Awards program; SculptureWalk is now established as it’s own 501(c)3; First Night Sioux Falls came off in 2007 with the help of Russ DeCurtins and all of Shannon Barnes’ hard work; progress made on the Downtown Arts District designation.

FINANCES RECAP

Jason reported on the successful donations of 2007 -- \$37,000 gift from the City to help subsidize running of the Horse Barn Arts Center; continued granting from the SD Arts Council; Xcel Energy again provided \$5,000 to the Student Mentoring: SculptureWalk program for materials and scholarship; \$1,000 donations from Empire Mall and Avera McKennan, along with \$500 donations from Citigroup and the Chamber of Commerce helped to fund the Mayor’s Awards; \$500 Horse Barn exhibit sponsors were Eide Bailly, First Bank & Trust, and Ronning Companies. Finished out the year a little over \$900 short, but plans for 2008 fundraising should correct that.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nominated: Ann Davis, President
 David Merhib, Vice President
 Jason Herrboldt, Treasurer

At this time, there is no nomination for Secretary. ED learned just this afternoon that the nominated secretary – Danielle Becker – was moving to NYC and would be unable to fill this position.

Nominations submitted; no discussion; voted to approve slate of officers for 2008.

LEARNING TO FLY – ANN DAVIS

New President Ann explained that the basis for her 2008 theme was a book she had read called "Learning to Fly" by Sebastian Meschenmoser. It is a contemporary fable about believing in the impossible and in yourself. She chose this theme because the Sioux Empire Arts Council helps organizations and individuals in Sioux Falls achieve the impossible. SEAC provides the support and guidance that allows others to achieve what may at first seem impossible.

ED REPORT

Deb explained that Stacey's report had covered 2007 very well. One thing that was added was a huge thank you to both Steve and Tara for all their hard work in improving processes at the Horse Barn and really taking that element of the Director's job over. We would be hard-pressed to go back to the days of just one staff person! A couple of additions to the report include the success of artist workshops; addition of the arts-only calendar of events on the SEAC website; creative conversations for young arts professionals; advocacy work in helping other organizations find art to complement their spaces or events; and continued collaboration with many local, city, and state organizations to accomplish the SEAC mission.

PARTING GIFTS

Stacey was presented with a bottle of wine for her many years of service on the Board, including the last two as President. Wally Doolittle was not in attendance, but there is also a gift for him as he left the service of the Board in 2007.

Marilyn Zimmerman, a guest at the Annual Meeting, explained that she has finished her master's degree and hopes to again take on a larger role with the Arts Council and the Horse Barn as an artist and volunteer.

One last piece of business: Jason is unable to attend Board meetings on the third Wednesday of the month. So there will be emails to determine if the third Thursday will work for everyone. Deb will let BOD know before time for February meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With all business finished, Ann asked for and adjournment and it was so moved.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Klebanoff