

SIoux EMPIRE ARTS COUNCIL HORSE BARN ARTS CENTER

September 18, 2008

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

ATTENDING:

Board Members: Ann Davis, Russ DeCurtins, Ceca Cooper, Sara Crosby

Guests: Sara Crosby, Anelis Coscioni

Regrets: Teri Ellis-Schmidt, Debra Kroger, Linda Hallstrom, Paul DeZotell

Executive Director: Deb Klebanoff

AGENDA:

1. Call to order / Agenda Review
2. Minutes – Approval of August
3. Financial Report
4. SEAC Update
 - a. Action on Interested Board Members
 - b. Policy on Student Mentoring Sculptures
5. Committee Reports
 - a. CICA
 - b. HBAC Concept Development
 - c. First night Update
6. ED Report
 - a. Community Youth Mosaic Wall
 - b. Fundraising Plans for 2009
 - c. 40th SEAC Anniversary Plans
7. Adjournment

CALL TO ORDER / AGENDA REVIEW

Meeting called to order by Ann Davis.

MINUTES

Motion was made and seconded to approve August minutes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

As there was no quorum, unable to approve June, July, August financials. Deb gave review:

- Canaries Doubles program was successful. Over the 48 games, the Arts Council was able to raise \$3,600; all who pledged have been invoiced.
- Hy-Vee called to approve SEAC's part in the 2009 Operation Smile program again. We've received approximately \$1,100 in each of the last 3 years from this.
- Financial report shows lower income than budgeted, but staff is holding the line on any spending as well.

SEAC UPDATES

Action on Interested Board Members:

- Board nominations will be approved by email during September. There are 3 interested candidates: Paul DeZotell, Linda Hallstrom, and Sara Crosby.
- Ceca will invite David Xenakis to next meeting.

- Teri Ellis-Schmidt did call prior to this meeting to report that Scott Cavanaugh was very interested in serving on the Board. The next time she can attend, she will bring him as a guest.

Policy on Student Mentoring Sculptures:

- Deb has visited with Erin Walker – current mentor – to see if the 2008 sculpture could possibly be installed by the October 3 First Friday – It was due last May.
- What to do with Prairie Queen? Ann has talked to Britta Kolb’s parents and they would like to see it refurbished and placed indoors. A possibility would be O’Gorman, but there was no discussion on who would pay for this. Ceca suggested getting Tom and Wanda Clarke to look at it. Ceca mentioned that Britta is a Fine Arts major in Ceramics at Gustavus (?) and maybe she could work on replacing some of the pieces there? Ann will find out what the family’s vision is first.
- In the future, it needs to be decided where sculptures should be moved if not sold before they need to be removed from the Children’s Art Garden. Home schools seem a likely prospect and Ann thinks they would like this. But questions of who pays for pedestal, installation, etc. remain. The district can’t spend money on public art, but Ann will investigate further.
- Another possibility is the Orpheum Sculpture Garden, but home schools is a more natural fit. Public sites should be exhausted as possibilities before other actions are taken.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Impact Committee for the Arts (CICA):

Ceca reported that committee members include Ivy Oland, Sara Crosby, Kevin Cole of USF, Lindsay Twa at Augie, Patrick Hicks at Augie, and Thea Ryan. The group will meet again in October.

- They are working on the Avera project at Garfield that SEAC helped set up. Ceca explained that they will be getting practicum assistance from the USF Education Department. The program is based on genetic research that shows early intervention in at-risk youngsters can remediate some of the tendencies to trouble that may run in families. There will also be genetic testing and follow-up research on these students. There are control groups at Terry Redlin and Robert Frost elementary schools.

HBAC Concept Development:

Deb reported that committee members include Diane Kinsley, Charl Wendt, Liz Versteeg, Lynn Parker, Steve Larson, Peg Lindberg.

- The group meets every other Wednesday evening planning for 2009 activities in the Horse Barn and community outreach based on HBAC events. In 2008 there were 22 exhibits in the Barn; in 2009 there will only be 6 larger exhibits that include the entire space. Work is being done on trying to improve the look of the Loft Gallery. Also committee members have been challenged to think beyond a passive art exhibit to events and corresponding activities that educate, challenge, and inspire viewers and artists. Tall order, yes...

First Night update:

Committee currently is Shannon Barnes, Russ DeCurtins, Deb Klebanoff, and staff from SMG who are providing incredible input and assistance!

- Currently looking at a possible two-day event with “Something Hot – Something Cool” as the theme – one for each day with corresponding activities. First Night Boston has taken over management of the non-profit, and many rules have been relaxed including no alcohol, etc. The idea is not to promote having alcohol, but it can open many creative ideas for adult events in the evening where it was typically difficult to find an audience. Shannon has already worked out a fairly comprehensive schedule; venues have been narrowed to just 5. Fundraising is also under way.

ED REPORT

- **Community Youth Mosaic Wall:** Still working on funding primarily – we have been receiving donations and a grant from the SF Area Community Foundation have brought us within \$7,000 of the goal. Capstones will be put onto the wall beginning next week.
- **Fundraising Plans for 2009:** Brochures have gone to the printer and will be in the mail next week. Deb has put together corporate packets and will start making calls with the new brochure. Recently the main emphasis has been on making sure City Council funding remains intact (which it will).
- **40th SEAC anniversary Plans:** Group needs to meet, but Wally Doolittle has been contacted and is interested in being part of this. Ann, Bernie, David, have volunteered to be on the planning committee along with Deb.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Klebanoff