

SIOUX EMPIRE ARTS COUNCIL
HORSE BARN ARTS CENTER
January 15, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes

ATTENDING:

Board Members: Ann Davis, David Merhib, Mary Teply, Rob Joyce, Sara Crosby

Regrets: Russ DeCurtins, Ceca Cooper, Teri Ellis-Schmidt, Debra Kroger

Executive Director: Deb Klebanoff

Meeting called to order by President Ann Davis at 1:00 pm.

Financials

- Discussion on SEAC's Financial position in regards to government money – incomes are down so that is worrisome; the City is now paying us monthly rather than a lump sum in case their revenues would go down, so it might be possible to lose this revenue stream.
- December silent auction was a nice event, but if it hadn't been for one couple attending and purchasing nearly \$600 of packages, this would have been a big loss. As it is, we made just over \$1,300. Jazz & Blues auction was below expectations – people just don't bid on larger items. In the future, BOD members should help solicit auction packages.
- Should there be a silent auction at Mayor's Awards? No – at least not this year.
- Relationships in fundraising – BOD support is critical here!

Financial Recap

Deb said that January financials were fine – very early in the year, but solid fundraising efforts will be needed. Mary motioned; Bernie seconded to approve January financials.

Executive Director Report

Preparing hard copy Annual Report for the January 29 meeting in the Horse Barn. The annual Horse Barn Report is finished; also still working on the presentation. Just remind all Board members to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Klebanoff

Meeting Adjourned!