

SIoux EMPIRE ARTS COUNCIL

HORSE BARN ARTS CENTER

January 29, 2009

Minutes of Annual Meeting

ATTENDING:

Board/Staff Members: Ann Davis, David Merhib, Debra Kroger, Tara Barney, Steve Larson

Regrets: Teri Ellis-Schmidt, Russ DeCurtins

Guests: Peter Klebanoff, Mary Anne Rager, Vickie Schumacher, Howard Spencer, Jennifer Schmidtbauer, Beth Prostrollo

Executive Director: Deb Klebanoff

Meeting called to order by President Ann Davis at 5:30 pm. Introductions were made

2008 Recap

- SEAC helped artist group create ARTPromptu event in June of 08 once it was known that Artfalls would not be held
- Second phase of the CommUnity Youth Mosaic –Middle School portion --had been completed and installed. The final high school portion is finished and will hopefully be installed in the Spring of 2009.
- SEAC supported Student Mentoring: SculptureWalk; First Night and other arts organizations throughout the year
- A thank you to Steve and Tara for all their work during the year – most recently on the December Silent Auction fundraiser held at Food N Fermentation
- SEAC continues to do behind-the-scenes work that keeps the arts alive in Sioux Falls.

Financial Recap

Deb talked about the 2008 budget and where the funding for SEAC is derived

- \$37,000 from the City to help in running the Horse Barn
- \$9,400 from the SD Arts Council in 2008 – about 10% of total budget
- \$5,000 from Xcel Energy for the Student Mentoring:SculptureWalk program
- \$1,000 sponsorships of Mayor's Awards from the Empire Mall, Citigroup, and Avera McKennan
- \$500 sponsorship of Mayor's Awards from the SF Chamber
- \$500 Horse Barn sponsorships during 2008 that included Sanford Health, CNA Surety, Eide Bailly, First Bank & Trust, and Colorado Tech
- \$15,000 in individual member donations

Board Election

A motion was made and seconded to elect David Merhib as President of the Sioux Empire Arts Council board for 2009. Vote taken – it was unanimously in favor.

New President's Remarks

Goals for 2009:

- Need to build a strong financial base for the organization in this year
- Find best ways to fund the work SEAC does
- Need to really focus the Board on fundraising by:
 - 100 X 100 Campaign to begin in February
 - March is Arts collection of a spare dollar at retail establishments for arts
 - Board fundraising letters
 - Increase traffic to the Barn to increase art sales
- Work on Board sustainability

Meeting Adjourned!