

**Delaware Valley Arts Alliance  
Board Meeting  
Delaware Valley Arts Center  
Narrowsburg, NY  
June 8, 2017**

**Attendees:** Allison, J., Bidwell, B, Chergotis, P., Dintiman, R., Greene, H., Harrington, S., Hust, D., Kubenik, ,L., Kung, H., Luchsinger, J., Mayer, P., Meyerson, J., O'Brien, R., Owen, W., Price, M., Stevenson, N.

Executive Directors: Giguere,E., Shanberg, A.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM by President Jeff Allison.

**Toast to Elaine:**

A toast was made to Elaine Giguere for her 40+ years of service and dedication to DVAA. We wish her well as she moves to the retirement years.

**Welcome incoming Executive Director:**

President Allison welcomed Ariel Shanberg the new Delaware Valley Arts Alliance Executive Director.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Pam Chergotis and seconded by Liz Kubenik to approve the corrected minutes from the previous meeting. The correction was to add Mary Sue Sweeny to the attendee list.

**Finance Report:**

A review of the attached financial report was discussed. It was noted that we continue to be in a better financial position than we have been in a long time. The finance committee met prior to this meeting and discussed a preliminary budget for the next fiscal year. A complete Program Director salary was added in preparation for the end of the current grant of partial support.

The current Legacy funding is estimated at \$27,000.

The Finance Committee recommends:

1. Pay off the painting of the building
2. Purchase a heating/AC unit for the Loft and Kraus recital Hall
3. Deposit \$10,000 into the endowment.

A motion was made by Liz Kubenik and seconded by Nancy Stevenson to pay the painters.

**Cultural Plan:**

Mary Greene gave an overview of the new Cultural Plan for DVAA (see attached). A discussion ensued related to strategies to reach out to more multi-cultural communities. Many praises were noted of the fine work Mary has been doing.

**Director's Report:** A Director's report is attached for review.

**Committee Reports have been sent by e-mail. Additional information is below:**

**Fundraising/Membership:**

A review of the program for Toast to Elaine was discussed. A suggestion was made to put the art for the silent auction on Instagram.

RiverFest: Due to the fact that the Main Street deck has been closed for repair, the committee is now seeking a new area to hold the poster auction. Steve Lemer has volunteered to head the Dog Parade.

**Program:**

Nothing to report. With new Program Director Bizzy Coy settled in, the Committee is looking to reduce the frequency of their meetings (either biannual or quarterly – tbd) and serve as an oversight and visioning committee rather than as a planning one.

**Facilities:**

The Business Office has moved to the former DVO space. This office will likely need some file cabinets in the future.

Pam Mayer is re-organizing Signature Gifts. A sale continues. She will create a proposal to hire a part-time person on weekends for the shop. Mary Sue suggested adding discounts for members.

**Board Development**

Nothing to report.

**Old Business:**

No additional old business.

**New Business:**

Dan Hust announced that the Sullivan County Legislature will be honoring Elaine at the next meeting on Thursday, June 15, 2017 at 2pm.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Pam Mayer to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 PM.

Submitted by,  
Jane Luchsinger