

**Delaware Valley Arts Alliance
Board Meeting
Delaware Valley Arts Center
Narrowsburg, NY
October 12, 2017**

Attendees: Allison, J., Bidwell, B., Chergotis, P., Dintiman, R., Greene, H., Harrington, S., Kubenik, L., Kung, H., Luchsinger, J., Mayer, P., Myerson, J., O'Brien, R., Stevenson, N.

Executive Director: Ariel Shanberg

Guests: Rebeca C. Rivera-Robayo and Tina Spangler

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM by President Jeff Allison.

Rebeca Rivera-Robayo was introduced as our new Grants Coordinator. She spoke of her background and her vision to fulfill the goals of the position by combining the successes of the former coordinator and building upon them with new strategies for the future. Her plans include and even greater reach throughout the County.

Tina Spangler, Communications Director gave an overview of the Big Eddy Film Festival which was more successful than former years. Each year the BEFF has grown with this year yielding the greatest profits. Several thoughts were discussed regarding plans for next year.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made Bruce Bidwell and seconded by Janice Myerson to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

Finance Report:

A review of the attached financial report was discussed. At this time we appear to be in good standing.

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

Further discussion took place to explain the Arts NYS organization being formed. This will be a 501(c) 3 organization of Executive Directors of the NYS Arts Council. The focus of the organization will be more on operational issues, whereas the current NYS Council focus is directed primarily to grant funding.

A reminder was given regarding the upcoming Gallery Talk by artist Jill Mackie whose work is currently on display. Gallery talks are the result of a collaborative effort of the Narrowsburg Art Club and DVAA.

Committee Reports have been sent by email. Additional information is below:

Executive Committee:

Nothing to report.

Fundraising/Membership:

Board members were encouraged to attend the October 28 Mask-erade fundraising party at the Western Hotel in Callicoon. We will be given ½ of admissions and ½ of the bar. Masks will be part of a silent auction.

Finance Committee:

Met to review monthly expenses and revise cash flow. Signatures Gift shop was a major part of the discussion as it is in the process of being renovated and rebranded. It is believed these changes will significantly produce a positive financial impact.

Facilities:

Nancy Stevenson expressed an interest to plan out the new Media Lab which consists of equipment recently donated to DVAA.
A/C is ready to be installed.

Programing:

No changes to current schedule.

Board Development:

Nothing to report.

Old Business:

Nothing to report.

New Business:

Strategic Plan date set for January 20, 2018 at 10 am.
A discussion was had with regards to a future Members only show.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Jane Luchsinger to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 PM.

Jane Luchsinger