

# DELAWARE VALLEY ARTS ALLIANCE



## **Board of Directors Meeting May 14, 2020**

**Present: Allison, J., Dintiman, R., Greene, H., Harrington, S., Hust, D., Lockwood, K., Luchsinger, J, Porter, K., Price, MS, Raazi, J., Roth, J., Stevenson, N.  
Executive Director: Shanberg, A.**

***Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, this meeting was held by Zoom internet communication.***

**The meeting began at 6:33pm.**

### **Board Chair Opening Remarks**

#### **Coronavirus Update**

The staff continues to work from home and weekly staff meetings are held by Zoom.

**Review of Minutes** approval of the minutes from the previous meeting were passed after a motion was made by Hester Greene and seconded by Robin Dintiman.

#### **Executive Director's Report (highlights, full report is attached for review)**

- a. Thanks to all staff members for their continued work from their homes.
- b. We received a \$4,000 Fair Gaming Grant
- c. We received a \$5,000 Payroll Protection Plan grant, which includes \$5,000 loan to be used for operations.
- d. We received a \$10,000 Wunderkind Foundation Grant.
- e. Our Grants Coordinator has submitted her resignation and will need to be replaced as soon as possible.
- f. New Gallery shows are suspended and once resumed we will have to limit the number of people in the gallery at any given time.

#### **Financial Report (attached for review)**

Of significance is the anticipated impact of Covid-19. It is projected that we will have a deficit of \$34,745 at the end of June. The Fundraising committee has met and addressed ways to raise enough funds to cover the deficit. A comment was made that we should develop better website efficiency for ease of giving donations.

Our bookkeeper, Annie has not been coming in due to Covid-19. Ariel was doing the reconciliation of accounts but as that may be a conflict of interest, Kristin Lockwood, Treasurer volunteered to take on this responsibility.

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **a. Advocacy**

Survey in progress.

##### **b. Board Development** – Two candidates are being considered at this time to fill

anticipated vacant Board positions. We are waiting to hear from the candidates to accept the appointments.

**c. Executive** – The Executive Committee met. Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic, Dan Hust’s job has become exceedingly demanding. However, he will remain as Vice-President but delay the Presidency for another year. The new slate of officers will remain unchanged from the current officers.

Two Board vacancies are available on the Executive Committee. Anyone interested should let Jeff know.

The Committee will meet, at the least, quarterly in the future.

**d. Fundraising** – (report attached)

Fundraising met and has formulated a detailed plan to raise enough money to cover the anticipated deficit. Ariel will check with the NYS Gaming Authority to see if we must apply before setting a raffle for one week in Nantucket (a donation from Liza Phillips). This raffle is expected to raise \$10,000 (a limit of 100 tickets at \$100/ticket). A kayak raffle is also planned. Additional fundraising will be with Riverfest posters, Riverfest virtual vendors at \$25/vendor, publishing of a coffee table book of past Riverfest posters, continued work to maintain and recruit members.

**Programming** – Arts Happening is moving to a shared platform. Video talks and remote gallery tours are being considered.

Art in Bloom will be cancelled but perhaps one floral arrangement, with art, will be on display each month in the gallery window.

**Facilities**- Anyone using the porch must remember to close and lock the porch door. It was found wide open when no one was in the building. Sean checked the Tusten Theater after all the water pipe work was completed on Bridge Street. All is well.

**Old Business**

Nothing to report

**New Business** – A motion was made by Jane Luchsinger and seconded by Mary Sue Price to accept the recommendations of the committee and award the Sullivan County Arts and Heritage grants. Motion passed.

Riverfest posters will be in next week.

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Jane Luchsinger and seconded by Sean Harrington to adjourn at 7:48pm

**Submitted by:**

**Jane Luchsinger**