

Delaware Valley Arts Alliance
Board Meeting
May 9, 2013

Present: Jeff Allison, Bruce Bidwell, Carl Buckstad, Karen Bliss, Hester Greene, Russell Johansen, Elizabeth Kubenik, Hans Kung, Jane Luchsinger, Robin McClernon, Richard O'Brien, Liza Phillips.

Also Present: Elaine Giguere

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM by President Jeff Allison.

- I A motion to approve the minutes of the April, 2013 meeting was made by Karen, seconded by Jane. The motion carried
- II The financial report was reviewed and discussed. Fundraising efforts continue to be the priority. "Savor the Arts" events; the ongoing Spring Concert Series and "Working Spaces" are the next efforts to accomplish this goal. Questions were raised about accounts receivables and the rent income account. Jeff is planning to contact the receivable accounts regarding when the DVAA can expect payment. .
- III The Director's Operations Report was reviewed.
- Grants
River Corridor Main Street Grant (in progress); O'Connor (in review); Technical Assistance Grant (in review w/ late June notification date); State General Operating funds have not yet arrived; and, the county contracts have arrived and are being processed
 - Savor the Arts:
Heyn Brunch- \$470; Acadian Luncheon -\$426; High Tea/Fashion -\$655
 - Performances:
Vishten -\$69.95; Gypsy Jazz-58.00
 - Tech Planning
- Elaine met with James Goodwin, the Mac lab technician at SCCC. The tech grant above would provide us a complete evaluation of the current network and software, rerouting and back-up to and from our server, and upgrade and rebuild of our database.
- We're hoping to be able to test our upgraded website by the end of the month (ADC Studio).
- Galen Pittman-is in-training to be a piano tuner and needed hours; he tuned all three pianos for free.
 - Program
Exhibitions: Madelon Jones through May11; Erica Hart Collage, opening reception, May 17
 - Theatre
May 11 Stacey Earle and Mark Stuart; May 18 Poetry Jam (at Tusten & Krause recital hall); June 1 David Driver and Guest artist Blythe Gruda.
 - Decentralization
Sixteen organizations received grants as did individual artist Tom Bosket and Monticello Central School (in-school project). Elaine & Tina attended a mandatory conference on decentralization in Saratoga Springs Facilities
 - A meeting was held with Alliance for Sustainable Energy regarding an energy audit for the Arts Center and Theatre.
- IV Committee Reports:
- Programming: Possibly doing a survey to determine audience interest.
 - Board Development: A meeting is scheduled for next week. Ideas were suggested to find individuals that may have backgrounds in IT, unrepresented communities are youth programming
 - Business Development: Now working on sponsorships have been well received for the Big Eddy Film Festival (BEFF).
 - Fundraising: Savor events, including restaurants: "Working Space" opening is May 25 and more items are needed.
 - Membership: The renewal brochure needs to be updated immediately.
 - Facilities: The theatre had plumbing repairs done and a handrail was pu on the stairs to the stage.
- V Old Business: Hester is missing a pot she brought in for the Acadian Luncheon.
- VI New Business: A membership event is being suggested; maybe a film and a discussion. A documentary about the Chinese artist/activist Wei Wei was given as an example..

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Kubenik