

**Delaware Valley Arts Alliance  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Delaware Arts Center  
Narrowsburg, NY  
May 13, 2010**

**Attendees:** Bidwell, B., Boudman, G., Hafkin, F., McClernon, R., Luchsinger, J., Ahern, C., O'Brien, R., Bliss, K., Kung, H., Kubenik, L., Bystrom, T., and Giguere, E., Executive Director.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President, Robin McClernon, at 6:40 PM.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of April 8, 2010 were read, and amended to state that Robin McClernon and George Boudman will also serve on the 2010 Riverfest committee. A motion was made by George Boudman, to accept the minutes, as corrected, and seconded by Jane Luchsinger.

**Committees Reports:**

***Fundraising – Karen Bliss***

With the Arts Alive Kick-Off behind us, the committee is focusing on the 5K Run set for June 6 in Lake Huntington. Prizes for the most pledges for the children and the adults are being coordinated. Some prizes will be purchased and some will be donated. Signs are being worked on and will be available within the week. Bike raffle tickets are still available until the 5K. Sales from our Ad Journal came in at \$11,650. Our Arts Alive Kick-Off weekend grossed over \$17,000., with a net realized of \$15,148.

The 20th Riverfest committee had their initial meeting. Riverfest is Sunday, July 25, and set-up is Saturday, late afternoon, July 24th. Plans are in the making with some interesting changes. Fundraising will meet again on June 20, at 6 PM, followed by a Riverfest meeting at 7 PM.

***Finance- George Boudman***

The Arts Alive Kick-Off Weekend was a success, and proved to be profitable for the Alliance. To date, our comparison budget reports from the previous year show us slightly ahead. The board is looking at more grant possibilities in the coming year. Elaine reported that we have received the funds for the stimulus grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 and the NYSCA Presenting Program grant for \$3,500.00.

***Facilities – Rich O'Brien***

Rich reported that the renovation work at the Tusten Theatre is complete. The committee members removed 1800 pounds of scrap metal and wood/homosite that made up an old air handling vent. The Arts Center's front porch and the supporting posts are the next target for repair. Rich will schedule another day to begin the necessary work to secure the porch. There is a possibility that Art Classes will be conducted during the summer at the Alliance. With that in mind, Rich and Elaine will meet to discuss the best location for the classes to be held, and any clean-up that will be necessary.

***Program- Elaine Giguere***

The Spring Music Series is under way. Jay Unger and Molly Mason played to a sold out crowd on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Next the theatre will play host to Laurel Masse, founding member of Manhattan Transfer on May 15. Admission is \$18. DVAA members will receive a \$2. discount on advance sales.

***Board Development - Bruce Bidwell***

The committee will look to recruit new board members to replace those that are retiring June 30, 2010. There are currently 14 members on the board. Retiring are: Frann Hafkin, Michael Herko, and Alison Peck. The committee will look to possibly add one more member bringing the total number of board members to 15.

***Director's Report***

See attached Director's Report dated May 13, 2010.

**New Business:**

Troy Bystrom suggested that the Committee Chairs communicate with the board members by e-mail, to streamline the amount of time spent on committee reporting and using the board meeting time to brainstorm ideas for fundraising and strategic planning. The board agreed that committee chairs will summarize their meetings in writing and distribute by e-mail.

**Adjournment:**

Jane Luchsinger moved to adjourn the meeting; George Boudman seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

The next regular meeting will be June 10, 2010, at 6:30 PM. Myra Rappoport, past board member, will be our guest to discuss ways in which we might engage local businesses to support the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance in Sullivan County and surrounding areas.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frann Hafkin