

**Delaware Valley Arts Alliance
Board Meeting
Delaware Valley Arts Center
Narrowsburg, NY
July 12, 2018**

Attendees: Allison, J., Bidwell, B., Chergoitis, P., Greene, H., Hust, D., Kubinik, L., Kung, H., Mayer, P., Lockwood, K., Luchsinger, J., Myerson, J., O'Brien, R., Owen, W., Phillips, L., Pucetti, M., Raazi, J., Stevenson, N., Sweeny, M.
Executive Director: Ariel Shanberg
Guests: Bizzy Coy, Kristin Lockwood, Jean Raazzi

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:35PM by President Jeff Allison.

Election of Board of Directors

A motion was made by Nancy Stevenson and 2nd by Pam Mayer to instruct the secretary cast a single ballot to elect the Board of Directors. Motion carried

A single ballot was cast by the Secretary to add the following Board Members to serve from July 1, 2018-June 30, 2021:

Bruce Bidwell
Robin Dintiman
Jane Luchsinger
Kristin Lockwood
Liza Phillips
Jean Raazi
Mary Sue Sweeney Price
Nancy Stevenson

Election of Board of Directors Officers

A motion was made by Nancy Stevenson and 2nd by Hester Greene to instruct the secretary cast a single ballot to elect the Board of Directors. Motion carried

A single ballot was cast by the Secretary to appoint the following Officers to the Board of Directors for the term July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019:

President Jeffrey Allison
1st Vice President Nancy Stevenson
2nd Vice President Dan Hust
Treasurer Elizabeth Kubenik
Secretary Jane Luchsinger
Member-at-large Hester Greene

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Bruce Bidwell and seconded by Liza Phillips to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Announcements:

1. Thank you to Wendy and Hans for the fabulous Savor the Arts dinner at Hans and Cornelia's home in the city.
2. The membership drive has been successful. Over \$5,000 in renewal dues has been received at this time.

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

Of note:

- a. The Big Eddy film festival committee is exploring a relationship with the NYU Tish School of the Arts in NYC.
- b. The Deep Water Literary Festival was very successful and plans are to continue this as an annual event. The theme of creating programs centered on one book appears to appeal to those in attendance. Aaron from One Grand Books organized the event and DVAA, as well as other, provided in-kind venues.

Finance Report:

The attached report was reviewed. As we move to the 2018-2019 fiscal year we find ourselves in a strong financial position.

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

Re-Branding Initiative-

We are still waiting for replies from a few firms. The re-branding project is not in our budget. A Sullivan County Plans and Progress grant of \$3,900 has been awarded to fund part of the expense related to re-branding. A fundraising campaign to cover the remaining expense will need to be organized.

Advocacy Committee Report- Committee meeting set for August 7.

Fundraising/Membership:

- a. A discussion was had regarding membership notices and an end of the year appeal. The notices mailed to lapsed members are being returned with checks to cover another year of dues. This process will be continued.
- b. Pam Chergoitis raised concerns related to security at Riverfest. The committee will review the security measures. We were reminded that the NYS Troopers have a presence and Main Street is barricaded.

Board Development: Nothing to report.

Program: In the future this committee will focus on all programs, literary, visual film, signatures, etc., not just performing arts.

Facilities: A motion light has been installed in the rear parking area by Richard O'Brien. Thank you Richard.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business:**Save the date**

July 22- Riverfest

August 3-5 Art in Bloom

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Jane Luchsinger to adjourn the meeting at 7:55PM.

Jane Luchsinger
Secretary