

Board of Directors' Meeting

Thursday November 12 2022

Present: Jeff Allison, Dan Hust, Ariel Shanberg, Jane Roth, Heinrich Strauch

On Zoom: Rachel Gordon, Leif Johansen, Mary Sue Price

Dan Hust, Board Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

Opening Remarks:

Dan congratulated Meghan Galligan on winning the 3rd Judicial District Judgeship. Dan said he will report back to the Board in early 2023 re Meghan's continuation on the Board.

Dan reported Robin Dintiman has a piece in the California Print Makers show in Piedmont Cal. Dan also wished Robin and her husband well as Ken faces continued health problems.

Leif raised questions regarding attendance requirements for Board members. Acc'd to the bylaws no more than 4 missed meeting in a row is permitted. Dan stated he intends to put more emphasis on attendance requirements in 2023.

Review of Minutes:

Jeff Allison moved to accept minutes; seconded by Heinrich and passed unanimously.

Presentation:

Judy Brown and Randall Jackson of Brown and Jackson Projects presented proposal to refresh Tusten Theater. Proposal submitted to Board members via email after presentation. Board members reacted positively to proposal with some discussion as to undertaking a larger project involving equipment, addressing accessibility issues and climate control. Board members agreed to proceed to investigate “facelift” project, ie, Brown and Jackson to provide more details re ideas and budget. Board to explore funding, possible grants.

Executive Director’s Report: (Report distributed-highlights as follows)

NYSCA awarded DVAA \$139,229 over 18 months to support statewide community regrant program

NYSCA awarded DVAA \$10,000 to support 2023 Artist Studio Tours.

Membership drive has been scheduled for February 2023 in response to drop in membership numbers 2021-2022

Per discussion with Executive Committee an independent communications consultant will be identified to construct weekly eblast for Arts Happening

Treasurer’s Report: (highlights-report submitted)

Jeff Allison explained P&L statement by program which will be provided to the Board Quarterly permitting greater oversight of programs. Written explanation as well as first program P&L provided to the Board.

Committee Reports:

*Board Development: no activity

*Executive Committee: 10/29/22 meeting minutes distributed. Work on bylaws continues. Anticipate completion of review and revisions at next meeting Saturday 11/12

*Program Committee: 10/18/22 meeting minutes distributed. Notably the Program Committee has been newly reconstituted and its responsibilities have been reviewed as delineated in the bylaws.

*Facilities Committee: Report re Arlington Hotel Project distributed. Contact made with Erin Dorst, Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation to discuss applying for historic preservation grants for the project. Grant program opens in May. Consideration to be given to applying for two grants -one for planning and one for construction.

*Finance Committee: 11/8/22 meeting minutes distributed.

*Fundraising Committee: Committee meeting will be rescheduled for later in November or early December.

New Business:

Board retreat to be schedule for early January. Dan Hust proposed we use the Board Retreat to visit other non profits in the are, ie. WJFF and CAS, both organizations have recently gone through major changes and this would be an opportunity to hear their experiences as we prepare to move forward in the DVAA.

Heinrich Strauch reported Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce is proposing to expand diversity program in the business community to non-profits. The question raised is whether DVAA would be interested in participating in brainstorming the program shape, content etc. Board said yes.

Motion to adjourn made by Heinrich Stauch, seconded by Jane Roth. Meeting adjourned at 830pm.

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