

*DVAA Meeting Minutes • December 9, 2010*

Attendees	
	J.Allison, B. Bidwell, T. Bystrom, R. Johansen, E. Kubenik, J. Luchsinger, R. McClernon, and R. O'Brien. Also present was E. Giguere
Call to order	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President Robin McClernon called the meeting to order at 6:38</li> </ul>
Election of 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• George Boudman's resignation from the board left the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President's seat open. Bruce Bidwell moved to elect Jeff Allison as the first Vice President. Troy Bystrom seconded. The vote was unanimous.</li> </ul>
Financial Report	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The expectation now is that NYS grant money will arrive at the end of December. Increased membership because of semi-annual renewal program has helped with cash flow this month.</li> <li>• An end of the year appeal went out via e-mail.</li> <li>• The DVAA has gotten a bequest from the Iris Stedner estate. We will receive \$5,000 next September and another \$5,000 in five years.</li> <li>• All committees with fundraising aspects need to work to increase the levels of giving—fundraising, membership, programming, and business development.</li> <li>• Liz is working on the Cultural Data Project which is a State Arts Council mandate—to obtain funding all data must be provided in the Pew Charitable Trust format. We have to provide two years of data in that format.</li> </ul>
Facilities	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report at this meeting, but the Executive Director thanked chair Richard O'Brien and committee members for meeting with contractors to determine the extent of the porch renovation project cost for our application for a Main Street grant.</li> </ul>
Business Development	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report at this meeting.</li> <li>• Note the group did meet prior to the board meeting. Jane Luchsinger took minutes.</li> </ul>
Membership	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report at this meeting.</li> <li>• We did agree to ask all board members to sign up for an art opening or other event to ask attendees to become DVAA members.</li> </ul>
Board Development	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have three candidates for board positions—Jennifer Clark from Long Eddy who has a marketing background and operates the Eminence Road Winery; Ann Hart who has an accounting background and operates Domesticities and the Cutting Garden in Youngsville; Hester Greene, an artist who as recently retired from a family design firm.</li> <li>• Troy Bystrom moved to accept these nominations and Jane Luchsinger seconded. The vote to accept the candidates and move them to a vote of the membership was unanimous.</li> <li>• Pursuant to the by-laws since this is a mid-term elections we will need to send out a notice of a meeting to elect the new candidates. We will send a postcard notice of a 6PM</li> </ul>

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	meeting on January 13 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Fundraising</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In Karen Bliss’ absence, Robin McClernon gave the report.</li> <li>• Savor the Arts dinners are scheduled for April 9-10<sup>th</sup>. Jeff Allison is heading up this effort. There will be a silent auction and a brunch following the dinners as was done last year. We may look for donated wine this year for the parties.</li> <li>• 5K walk will be held in late May or early June. Karen Bliss is in charge of this event. We need more students to participate this year, and we’ll contact youth boards and groups to get increased participation. Anyone with connections to School Boards should assist Karen.</li> <li>• 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala—After visiting two sites, Eagles’ Nest has been selected as the venue for the gala. Total cost per person is about \$50, and we will charge \$75 per ticket. The date is August 21<sup>st</sup> in the afternoon. There will be a cash bar and a silent auction which Jeff Allison has agreed to organize.</li> </ul>
<b>Executive Director’s Report</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The audit is underway and will cost “up to \$5,000”; we had budgeted \$3500 for the audit.</li> <li>• Online giving has started to come in.</li> <li>• For Savor the Arts we will try and salvage all of the road signs.</li> <li>• Current membership will be listed in the annual report publication.</li> <li>• We will put a notice regarding business development into the annual report publication.</li> <li>• The annual staff dinner was held on December 8<sup>th</sup> and was very successful. The staff and the weekly volunteers attended. Jane Luchsinger cooked the meal.</li> </ul>
<b>Other Business</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jane Luchsinger attending a “finding funds” lecture sponsored by Sullivan Renaissance. Her main conclusion was that limited corporate funds are available to rural areas. Most funding will come from local individuals. Communities need to work together to gain the most in these efforts.</li> <li>• The Decentralization Grant Panel’s recommendations, distributed last week to the board by email, passed unanimously. Troy moved to accept the recommendations and Richard O’Brien seconded.</li> </ul>
<b>Conclusion</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jane Luchsinger moved to adjourn the meeting and Troy Bystrom seconded it at 7:46PM.</li> </ul>