

Delaware Valley Arts Alliance
Board Meeting
February 14, 2013

Attending: Elizabeth Kubenik Anne Hart, Butch Buckstad, Jeff Allison Robin McClernon, Liza Phillips, Hester Greene, Hans Kung, Bruce Bidwell, and Richard O'Brien

Also attending: Elaine Giguere

1. Approval of January Strategic Planning Meeting: The board approved the changes to the mission, vision, and the action items suggested at the brainstorming retreat. Changes will be made to the strategic plan and the action items will be referred to appropriate committees for action/comment.
2. Approval of Decentralization Grant Funding: The board approved the panel recommendation awarding the 2013 State Decentralization grants.
3. Approval of Artists in the Community Grant: The board approved the panel recommendations for the 2013 State grant. \$2000 was awarded to Thomas Bosket of Long Eddy, NY.
4. Review of Financial Report: The board entertained a lengthy discussion of the funding deficit that results from the 40% cut in NYSCA funding and the 20% cut in County Arts funding this coming 7 months in our fiscal year. The DVAA is now facing a \$24,008 deficit. Strategies discussed to overcome this deficit included:
 - Increasing Business Partner support over the \$10,000 currently budgeted
 - Increasing Membership Receipts over the \$40,000 currently budgeted
 - Increasing Fundraising Receipts over the \$45, currently budgeted
 - A list of ideas some short term and some long term was generated. Some ideas regarding the budget process were also generated. Each idea will be referred to the appropriate committee for comment and action.
 - Committee Reports: All committee reports were distributed prior to the meeting. No comments were raised at the board meeting.
5. Executive Directors Report: The executive director's report was distributed prior to the meeting. Of note was the \$6,287 raised in the outreach effort after the DVAA received State and County budget cuts.
6. Old Business: An inquiry was made about the change in how NYSCA operates and whether the DVAA would be applying to be the Council for the Arts for a wider geographic area. The Executive Director said this is still being considered by NYSCA and it is premature right until NYSCA makes decisions on how it will operate.
7. New Business: The Narrowsburg Bridge will be repaired over the next 5 years causing traffic changes in Narrowsburg. This construction is expected to be in the summer months and may impact our Riverfest plans. Elaine Giguere is on the Town Event Committee. The board asked Elaine and board members from the Town of Tusten to inform town board and committee members of the importance of Riverfest to the town, region and to the DVAA. We will put in our permit request for Riverfest as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Allison & Elizabeth Kubenik