

NORTHVILLE ARTS COMMISSION

The Regular Commission Meeting

February 10, 2010

MINUTES

Roll Call: Present: Mary Step, Gerry Culpepper, Galina Koriduzki, Lisa Meinzinger-Abraham, Sue Taylor, Ellen Bennett

Excused: Jeff Cancelosi, Sharon Rossow, Kathleen Tabaczynski

Guests: Mark Kassa, Elizabeth Oliver, Joan Potter-Thomas

Call to order: 7:10 p.m.; a quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes: It was moved by Galina, seconded by Mary and voted unanimously that the **January 13, 2010** regular meeting minutes be approved.

Officer Reports:

Chairperson –Sue Taylor

Please check NAH office calendar and talk to Office Manager before scheduling anything at the Art House in order to avoid conflicts. The Art House is busy! Please do not make any changes to the calendar on your own!

We will be recommending to the City that Elizabeth Oliver become an Art Commissioner for the NAC. Sue will write the letter of recommendation to City officials.

We need volunteer help for the March CCS show!

Treasurer– Gerry Culpepper

Performance Measures; Budget Approval.

As of 1/31/2010, revenues total \$26,998 less expenditures of \$27,692 for a funds flow shortfall of \$(694). Projected FY2010 (6/30/2010) revenues are estimated at \$65,146 less expenditures of \$86,324 for a full year funds flow shortfall of \$(21,178). The projected FY2010 shortfall will be funded by an appropriation of prior year's surplus. The surplus totals \$48,892 at 6/31/2009 and is sufficient to cover the FY2010 estimated negative funds flow.

The proposed FY2011 budget includes revenues of \$88,203 less expenditures of \$95,544 for a funds flow shortfall of \$(7,341). The shortfall will be covered by an appropriation of the surplus.

A motion was made by Mary to approve the 2011 budget and Galina seconded the motion. It was voted unanimously.

It is important that fundraising be approached proactively for this next fiscal year; we should be rolling out another fundraiser as soon as possible. We will continue to brainstorm at March meeting. Possible fundraisers and revenue streams for 2010 are:

- A "Garage Sale" with used art from NAH artists and members (Victorian Festival or in October??)
- A car raffle (during Arts and Acts Festival 2010)
- Grant writing
- Dumouchelle appraisal clinic,
- Leasing art to businesses,
- March Art Book Sale (Joe Thomas will see if he has any sports books for a 50/50 split
- Increase NAH rentals

Committee Reports:

Exhibit-(Ellen Bennett and Jeff Cancelosi)
We had a great opening for the 2010 Member Exhibition. There were approximately 250 people at the first Friday opening. Jeff is currently working on the next exhibit, *Artist's Under the Influence*.

Arts & Acts Festival 2010/Art in the Sun Update
The City Council has approved the dates of June 25, 26 & 27. Arts and Acts will not conflict with the Solstice Run because of its Saturday opening time of 10am.

Administrative/Office Manager- (Joan Potter-Thomas)
There were approx. 626 people who visited the *Made of Wood* Exhibit. These visitors came from all over the Metro Detroit area and beyond.

In January 2010, the NAH had 30 memberships processed (14 renewed memberships and 16 new memberships).
Also, there were 24 new/renewed members from the mailing to 550 artists, giving us a 4% positive response to our mailing.

January Class Information: There were 5 adult classes (11) and 3 kid's classes (34) totaling 45 students. There were 2 Open Studios with a total of 6 students.

January Rentals: Camera Club (x1), Garden Club (x1), Shadia's Open Studio (x1), Yoga Class (x3), and Birthday Parties (x1)
The NAH needs new membership cards and Ellen has agreed to fix the pdf on the cards.

Kids classes are on their way up, as are Scout and shower rentals.

New Business:

Video proposal (Lisa Meinzingger-Abraham)
Lisa will find out from Lauri Rodriguez if we might be able to get some on-going film footage for fundraising for the member drive.
Mary, Liz, Mark and Lisa will fine tune the proposal and ask Ellen about her contact.

The ceiling light fixtures in the upstairs Gallery are very delicate and great care should be used in adjusting them. Gerry and Joan will instruct those who must change them; otherwise they should be left as is. Gerry will get pricing to improve the lighting in the downstairs Gallery.

Our chairs need replacing with ones that are comfortable, lighter weight and easier to store. They should meet certain standards. Sue will investigate.

Announcements

*Next NAC Meeting: March 10, 2010; 7:00 p.m.

*First Friday volunteer sign up (meet & greet our First Friday guests; need 2 people!)

March 5, CCS Mentor/Mentee Exhibit – The Olivers, Mary Step, Mark Kassa
April 2, Eric Mesko Solo Exhibition -- ??
April 23-May 1, Student Art Show --
May 7-15, Senior Student Art Show –
June 4, West of Center Juried Show --

Adjournment: 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Meinzingger-Abraham
Secretary

Approved:

March 10, 2010