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Meeting Minutes 07/10/2006

Arlington Arts Council
Minutes of July 10th, 2006
Robbins Memorial library
Arlington, MA

Present: Elinore Kagan, Karen Dillon, Tom Formicola, Jean Yoder, Sharon Shaloo, Roz Cummins and Betsy Campbell
Absent: Michele Meagher and Abby Subak

Tom Formicola called the meeting to order at 7:42 p.m.

Membership Discussion :

Karen reported that Leland Stein sent an email saying he has decided not to renew his seat on the council for a second term. The council will miss Leland's contributions and express their sincere appreciation of his three year term where his solid ideas and creative collaboration on the council have been an inspiring and helpful resource. We will miss him and wish him well in his future endeavors.

Jean noted that we are a council made of predominantly of white women and how great it would be to have new council members who are persons of color or men. All council members agreed with Jean.

Jean presented the new members (Roz and Sharon) with their official green new members binders. Both Sharon Shaloo and Roz Cummins have both been appointed by the Selectmen's office. Sharon was sworn in at town hall but Roz still needs to do that.

The group discussed whether we should actively recruit new members or we Ok with the 9 members we have at this point. Jean pointed out that we are getting closer to our grant cycle which is one of our most interesting times of the year. Also more members would empower us to accomplish the things we simply don't have the manpower to do like fundraising, scholarships and outreach in the community.

Karen made contact with the Selectman's office and they told her that members who resign (Leland, Amy and Margaret) need to submit a letter of resignation to the Selectman's office to terminate their obligation and not be automatically reinstated for a second term. Tom needs to ask the MCC if there are any closure requirements there for members who step down.

ITEM 1: A Review of June Meeting Minutes

Council members reviewed the June meeting minutes. There are a number of changes/corrections to be made. Karen carefully noted the changes, will make them and submit the amended minutes to the town for posting. Tom moved to approve the minutes once amended, Betsy seconded and all approved.

ITEM 2: RFP's (request for payment)

1) 2006-08-\$ 753.25 Karen Dillon for the Arlington Art Project
A request for reimbursement for project costs and a final report were reviewed by the council. Elinore moved to approve, Betsy seconded- all approved.

2) 2005-01 Cynthia Tollen's request was review and is still under the extension deadline.

We are still waiting for the detailed spreadsheet accounting for all of the 2006 grant recipients.

ITEM 3: Guidelines for Grant Recipients

Tom has reworked the 2007 guidelines and handouts for potential grant recipients.

Elinore suggested that we include our logo on the paperwork. Karen suggested that the text be increased by one font.

Karen spoke to Adria Arch at Arlington Center for the Arts and they are glad to be a site for the applications to be distributed. So we will have three "pick up" sites for applications: The Library, Town Hall and Arlington Center for the Arts (and town day).

Tom asked the council to examine if we should request certain "types" of requests. Are we looking for a potential theme or certain type of outreach?

Council decided that we want to welcome all types of applicants and perhaps a "theme" will be significant at another time.

Tom will email the re-worked version to the council and give us two weeks to email revisions to him.

ITEM 4: TOWN DAY

Karen has a very comprehensive and organized chart from Amy to help us coordinate town day. We explored our town day goals.

Do we want to do the chalk drawing again? Use the expensive chalk?
Anything new to try?

Karen told the group that she has some Art hunt wrist bands remaining and we can give them out at town day along with the Art Hunt.

The group decided to focus on Town Day at our August

meeting. At our August meeting we should also talk about effective publicizing grant availability.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Dillon

Karen has reserved the conference room in the Robbins Library for the following upcoming meetings :

Monday August 14th 7:30-8:45 Upstairs meeting room

Monday, September 11th 7:30-8:45 Upstairs meeting room

Monday, October 16th 7:30-8:45 Upstairs meeting room

Monday November 13th 7:30-8:45 Upstairs meeting room

Please reserve these dates on your calendar.