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## Minutes 10/08/2013

Cyrus Dallin Art Museum  
Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees,  
October 8, 2013

The board convened at 7:00 p.m. on 8 October 2013 with a quorum.

Members present: Co-Chairs Heather Leavell, Sarah Burks and Aimee Taberner; Terry Shaoul, Jacqueline Bates, G. Tremblay

Absent: Christine Sharbrough, Dan Johnson

Others: James McGough, Tracy Skahan, Ellen Aamodt, Paul McGaffigan, Chuck Luca

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The draft minutes of the meeting were reviewed and amended. A motion to receive was made by Terry Shaoul and seconded by Jackie Bates. Vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report/Fundraising

The board reviewed the status of income, expenses and bank holdings. The "Art on the Green" event was very successful financially, particularly the sale of raffle tickets. A motion was made by Jackie Bates, seconded by Aimee Taberner, to receive the Treasurer's Report. VOTE was unanimous. It was agreed that copies would be sent by the Treasurer to the absent members.

Chuck Luca reported favorable feedback from the exhibitors at 'Art on the Green'. The Board agreed that in future it would continue to discuss the merits of an all artisan item event.

Under the general topic of fundraising, the board brainstormed possibilities for fundraising events in 2014, including walking tours, lectures, sculpture workshops, collage and/or sketching workshop, and an Arlington School Day. An interesting event could be planned around a performance by an opera singer known to one board member. A book event/garden party could also be considered for May, June or July.

The board hoped to further cultivate the relationship with The Church of the Latter Day Saints and would request Dan Johnson to request a small token gift from the Church to finance a new version of a coloring book for children featuring Dallin works. G. Tremblay made a motion to approve this action, seconded by Jackie Bates.

Volunteer Report

James McGough reported 129 visitors since the last report, bringing the total to 962 for the year to date. CEDAM is invited to view the stained glass windows of Arthur Dallin at the Park Avenue Congregational Church on 20 October. A motion was made by Terry Shaoul to accept the report, seconded by Jackie Bates. VOTE was unanimous.

Collections

The board discussed the need for an assessment of the collection and agreed that this could be covered possibly through a grant. All agreed. The deadline for this is December 2013. It was noted that a budget request would have to be submitted to the Town Planning Office for the assessment itself as well as work required for the gutters, walls, hearths, and roof repairs.

The board also considered applying for a grant from the Arlington Cultural Council by 15 October to cover the cost of honoraria for teachers conducting workshops, cost of molding for Cushing, etc. Aimee Taberner agreed to look into the feasibility of CEDAM receiving such a grant.

The board was offered a 9" version of the 'Appeal' as a sale item. CEDAM would accept this item as a gift since no budget was available for acquisition. James McGough agreed to convey this to the seller.

Facilities

The board continues to be very concerned about the state of disrepair of the CEDAM facility. Preliminary discussions took place between CEDAM and the Town Planning Department.

Organizational Plans

The board hoped that the strategic planning exercise would clarify the roles of the board and the non-profit corporation with the aim to even the distribution of work.

The strategic planning session scheduled for October 16 would conclude some tentative decisions for full consideration by the board in December.

Other Business

On Thursday, November 14, James McGough would be featured in a live broadcast on Arlington Community Media Inc. discussing Dallin's work in the Civil War era. Space was available for up to 25 people. His presentation would be captured electronically.

To augment the relationship between CEDAM and the Town of Arlington, the board considered inviting the Selectmen to meet the Board. No date was set.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Ellen Aamodt, Recording Secretary

#### Action Items

##### Meeting of 8 October 2013

- Decide on type of items for "Art on the Green" (artisan only?) - all
- Finalize 2014 Events for publication in December Newsletter - all
- Room Reservations at Jefferson Cutter House - Ellen
- Confirm Assessment grant with Town - Heather?
- Gift request for coloring book - Dan
- Invitation to Town Selectmen to CDAM - Heather