

SPIRIT ROOM

July 29, 2021

Location: Spirit Room

Report from Dawn and Hollie

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 26th, 2021; 4:45

Secretary's Report:

Treasurer's Report

Current Balance – \$3,142.15

End of Year Report for 2019 included

Executive Director Report

NEA updates:

We met with Lori and Melissa at the Fargo Public Library. They have agreed to block off a month for us to install the exhibit with them. Has anyone spoken to Laura Youngbird? The exhibit scheduled here at the Spirit Room from Jan 17, 2022 - February 26, 2022, both rooms reserved. Lori and Melissa are planning on developing supporting programming for the book. We should get their schedule towards the end of August so we can put together a full program to distribute with copies of the book.

We also met with Andy Maus and Penny Solum at the Plains. Deposits have been paid to hold the dates for the opening event (concert/ Denise Lajimodiere) and Joy Harjo's event.

The contract with Joy has officially been submitted and approved. She would be staying for two nights – flying in Sunday, attending her events Monday, February 7th, flying out on Tuesday. She has agreed to host a meet and greet with the Native youths in the afternoon and present an author talk that evening. They are charging us \$13,000+ room, flight, meals, and transport on our side. The Plains suggested Joe Williams may have some funds in his department's budget to contribute to the expense, but no number has been confirmed at this time.

Amy Gore has agreed to include Joy Harjo's book in the NDSU Tribal and Indigenous Peoples Studies 101 course {TIPS101,} no dates have been confirmed yet.

Karla Smart-Morstad has been contacted to lead a writing workshop at Riverside Retirement Center.

Administrative Assistant Report

The Lawrence Foundation - \$5,000 – Not funded, they stated they received hundreds of applications and only funded twenty. Our organization just was not "interesting" enough for them.

The Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation - \$5,000 – notification in October - operational

Leach Foundation – \$5,000 – Not funded

NDCF Greatest Needs – opens late Spring

FM Area Foundation - \$5,000 – Not funded

TAP – awarded \$1,000, we have a meeting with Tania to discuss why they've awarded us so little.

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Sami Reindeer People exhibit is coming up in October. Meghan I think previously you had offered to pick up the exhibit and bring it here? Are you still willing to transport?

NEA American Rescue Plan Grant – intent to apply has been submitted. The application will open August 27th and closes September 2nd (which is quick!) This grant would be worth \$50,000 and is operational support. We can choose if it is in support of one or two years. They are distributing 800 awards, so this is fairly competitive. There is no cost share or matching required.

NDCA American Rescue Plan Grant – We are working on our application; it is due by October 10th and would be for \$15,100. This is an operational grant. They have suggested requesting an amount that isn't extravagant for your organization's budget that can be between \$3,000- \$20,000. At this amount we are essentially requesting a quarter of our budget. There is no cost share or matching required. Expenses would be reimbursed.

Exhibition Update:

- Upcoming Exhibitions:
 - Gallery I - July 12,2021- October 3,2021
 - Dennis Krull and Nancy Ness
 - Gallery II - July 19,2021- September 11,2021
 - John Ellis
 - Gallery I - October 4,2021 – November 13, 2021
 - Sami Reindeer People
 - Gallery II - September 13,2021 – November 13, 2021
 - Adam Bursack

New Business

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