

SPIRIT ROOM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 26, 2021

4:45PM—Spirit Room Dawn's Office

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 30th, 2021

Present: Kim Bromley, Steve Makela, Dawn Morgan, Hollie DeFrancisco, Meghan Duda, Carol Pearson, Trudy Mickelson

Call to Order **4:45pm by Kim Bromley, President**

Secretary's Report

Hollie – Approval of Minutes – Steve made a motion to approve, Carol 2nd. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Current Balance – Main account: \$21,373
Expansion account: \$1618

Executive Director Report

- Bill Thomas – Prairie Public – Bill has been with Prairie Public for a long time. Dawn and Hollie had a meeting with him concerning advertising the NEA Big Read event through the radio. Bill suggested he may have some connections to produce videos of Denise's and Joy's events. He will be advertising our Big Read programming on the 4pm radio program.

Administrative Assistant Report

- NEA Big Read Updates
 - Laura Youngbird – Laura was in charge of the Indian Education Department at the Plains before she retired. She is very well connected with Native life and the Native communities. She will be curating the art exhibition. She is currently working on the prospectus for the call for artists. She will be handling the entries.
 - Rick Kagigebi (Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe) lives in Detroit Lakes, just south of the White Earth Ojibwe Reservation in northwestern Minnesota. Rick creates huge applique mural blankets inspired by Native American life. He will be exhibiting in the Lotus Studio from October through February (so the exhibit will be up while Joy is visiting.) We will need to install additional track lighting. Scott will install the lighting for us at no cost, we will just need to buy the light fixtures.
 - Motion submitted to purchase light fixtures. Carol made motion. Meghan 2nd. All approved.
 - Meghan and Jamee Larson had a meeting concerning Jamee's poetry workshops. The original date of December 7th is during "dead" week at NDSU and would not be practical for her workshops. It has been proposed the workshops be moved to the week before, possibly December 2nd. Meghan will reach out again to verify, but has been advised we are completely flexible on the dates we just need to know when so we can reserve the space.

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- Jamee would possibly be bringing her Creative Writing class to participate/ help facilitate the events.
 - Jamee is well connected to the teen community, would mostly need help reaching the adult community, which shouldn't pose an issue as the Spirit Room has been connected to adult audiences for creative writing in the past.
 - Jamee's group would possibly need access to some copies of "An American Sunrise" for the events. She will let us know how many.
- We contacted Greg at Zandbroz to order books. As it turns out the publishers are completely sold out due to a national paper shortage. We will be receiving 40 copies by next week, otherwise the rest won't come in until September 28th.
 - Steve had a Zoom meeting in late July with Denise. All his composers are diligently working away on their compositions for the kick off event. Denise made a request for one of the pieces to cover her piece "Identity Crisis." Kristi is working on covering that piece. It was also discussed that Denise may perform jangle dancing as a close to the musical portion of the event. She could also bring her birch biting exhibit to display for this event if we would like. Hollie will discuss with the Plains Art Museum to ensure this wouldn't pose an issue.
 - Live Streaming Denise's and Joy's events was discussed. Steve and Meghan both have some video equipment. Meghan will reach out to Kyia to see if she has any students who might be interested in covering the event, otherwise Meghan and Steve will cover it.
 - Karla Smart-Morstad has done a series of book publishings through the NDHC with us. She will be leading a book discussion/ writing workshop at Riverview.
 - Banners have been provided by the NEA to promote the Big Read. We will be hanging one outside under the overhang and will be providing the downtown Fargo Public Library and the Plains Art Museum with a banner each.
 - NEA American Rescue Plan Grant - \$50,000
 - This would be an operational grant covering two years. Hollie has requested assistance with one of the questions for the grant. This grant is due by September 2nd.

Submit **one** representative example of arts programming per year for three recent years/seasons prior to the application deadline. The examples do not have to be from consecutive years/seasons.

Select examples that emphasize how your previous work is connected to the review criteria. This list should demonstrate eligibility (i.e., your organization's three-year history of arts programming), as well as the artistic excellence and artistic merit of your organization's programming.

For the purpose of defining eligibility, "three-year history" refers to when an organization began its programming and not when it incorporated or received nonprofit, tax-exempt status.

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NOTE FOR 2020 OR 2021 ARTS PROGRAMMING: If your arts programming was affected or suspended due to COVID-19, you may list 2020 or 2021 arts programming that was cancelled or reimagined due to the pandemic. Virtual programming, planning, and COVID-19 recovery activities are considered to be arts programming. You may also choose to list arts programming from a recent year other than 2020 or 2021.

- Programs suggested for use: Don Quixote, Hamland Garland, and Azooden Berbeich.
- NDCA American Rescue Plan Grant - \$15,100
 - This would be an operational grant with included funding to purchase a hands-free microphone for guest speakers/ artists. Grant application is due October 12th.

Exhibition Update:

- Upcoming Exhibitions:
 - Gallery I - October 4,2021 – November 13, 2021
 - Sami Reindeer People
 - Gallery II - September 13,2021 – November 13, 2021
 - Adam Bursack
 - Gallery I - November 15 - December 13, 2021
 - Kary Janousek
 - Gallery II - September 13,2021 – November 13, 2021
 - Chad Kartenson
 - Lotus - October 1, 2021 - February 26, 2022
 - Rick Kagigebi

New Business

Adjourn – 5:45pm Carol made a motion to adjourn, Meghan 2nd it. All approved.