**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, March 31,2022

4:45PM—Spirit Room Gallery I

**Next Meeting**: Thursday, March 31,2022

**Present: Kim Bromley,** Steve Makela, Meghan Duda, Karen Perry Anderson, Hollie DeFrancisco, Carol Pearson, Kimble Bromley, Raquel Mellagaard, Zenas Baer

Call to Order **4:48pm by Kim Bromley, President**

**Secretary’s Report**

Approval of Minutes – Karen 1st, Raquel 2nd – all approved.

**Treasurer’s Report –** Current Balance – Trudy?

Trudy put in resignation from AgCountry – She said she will finish our taxes before she leaves them, but if she doesn’t, she’ll be purchasing her own QuickBooks to finish our work. We should see a budget from her in the next couple of weeks.

**Executive Director Report**

* Dawn won’t be making it this evening. Dawn has her son visiting town and has been trying to get some affairs with her mom’s lake house in order.

**Administrative Assistant Report**

* Angels of the Muse Showcase – April 2 7-11pm: Angels of the Muse, led by Jack Schauer, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing music to underserved populations (such as the VA or Friendship.) This event is their annual fundraiser. A group of performers, mostly guitarists, gather and play 20-30min sets. All funds raised are used to pay musicians for their time throughout the year.
* Poetry therapy Workshop with Christine Ellsworth –April 9, 16, 23, 30 1-2:30pm – Currently two signups

Christine is a marketing proofreader with Integreon. She is training to become a certified CAPF through the International Federation of Biblio-Poetry Therapy. The workshop will focus on reading, talking about

and writing poetry together to understand and embrace the personal transformation in everyone’s lives.

* Annette Richter and Linh Kauffman Concert – April 20 7:30 – 9:30pm – Annette is an accomplished lutist and Linh has a phenomenal singing voice. The two will perform together. She previously performed at the Spirit Room with Ed Martin in 2019 with great success so it is anticipated that this event will be equally successful.

Possible upcoming events:

* Dr. Artyom Tonoyam – photographer - managed St. Sahag Armenian Church: The photographic exhibition interviews Armenian refugees and photographs them with the item they escaped with. We’ll be meeting with Tadeos Barseghyan from the Church to gain a better understanding of the exhibition and what the costs associated might be. We will also be meeting with Troyd Gheist, local folklorist, to explore possible additional programming to support the exhibition.
  + After meeting with Tadeos we discovered the exhibit consists of banner stand posters that are about 1/3 photo to 2/3 text (interviews.) Due to the utility of our spaces, we feel the banner stands would not be appropriate. We have considered pursuing a grant to produce the images on foam core boards (or something similar) to hang and presenting them alongside a snippet of the interview.
    - Meghan suggested putting a QR code with the full interview might be convenient for viewers.
    - Karen suggested possibly hiring actors to recreate the interviews that the QR codes could pull up. Possibly also having actors present the night of the reception.
    - Steve suggested if we get grant funding for our project that we might be interested in bringing Mary Kouyonmdjian, an Armenian Composer out of NYC who has incorporated recordings of the Lebanese War into her work and is widely celebrated.
    - Dawn and I met with Troyd Gheist and he had endless ideas on supporting programming to go along with this exhibit such as:
      * Time slips
      * Candlelit vigil for displaced individuals where we commission an artist to arrange it in a particular design (such as a Ukranian egg.) We could reach out to displaced communities for art proposals.
      * Speaker series
      * Armenian food workshop
      * Elder care facilities where residents make time slips using objects representing hope and memories to them. We could easily partner with Riverview as we have done previous projects with them and Karla Smart-Morstad.
* NDCA Professional Development Grant- This grant has opened up; deadline is April 15. They have limited funding, but I thought we could possibly help Trudy apply to cover the expense of Quickbooks or apply for funding for Raquel learning to manage a gallery.
* Big Read Art Exhibition – The exhibit has officially closed at the West Fargo Public Library and moved to Moorhead Public Library. Raquel came out to both locations so she could meet the library staff. Hollie has contacted Fargo Public Library and Wahpeton Public Library about dates for them hosting the exhibit, awaiting response. Fargo Public Library may be moving their date to May.

**Exhibitions:**

Gallery I & II – March 21 - May 14, 2022

* + - Crow Show
  + Lotus - February 28 - May 14, 2022
    - Niam Brain Services Group Exhibition

Gallery I – May 16, 2022 - July 2,2022

* + - Dennis Terhark

Gallery II - May 16, 2022 - July 2,2022

* + - Mark Pagenkopf (Niam Brain Svcs)

Gallery I –July 4,2022 – August 15, 2022

* + - David Twamley and Joetta Wieble

Gallery II - July 12 -Aug 15, 2022

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**New Business**

* Office 365 is now offered free for nonprofits. Hollie has applied to certify our nonprofit status so we should be receiving it free for the coming years.
* The film captions and video for Denise’s event are done! Meghan will email a link to us all to review and make suggestions before officially releasing. Joy’s video work will likely begin in May.

**Adjourn**

**5:30pm Zenas 1st, Carol 2nd. All approve.**