

SPIRIT ROOM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 29, 2021

4:45PM—Spirit Room Dawn's Office

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 27th, 2020

Present: Kim Bromley, Steve Makela, Dawn Morgan, Hollie DeFrancisco, Zenas Baer, Karen Perry-Anderson

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

Secretary's Report

Hollie – Approval of Minutes – Zenas made a motion to approve with a suggested amendment for the March minutes, Karen 2nd. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Current Balance – Dawn : \$24,595

Executive Director Report

- NDHC - \$10,000 – Approved – We are waiting until we hear back from the NEA before sending back our acceptance contract for this grant since the two projects are tied together.

Administrative Assistant Report

- The Lawrence Foundation - \$5,000 – Will be notified June 30th
 - This is a private family foundation focused on awarding grants in support of environmental, human services, and other areas, as well as Covid-19 related funding.
 - There are no geographical requirements, this would be for operational expenses.
- Arts Midwest – due May 3rd – awaiting notification from NEA to submit this grant as it would also be related to the Big Read project.
 - These funds would be used to support Denise Lajimodiere's portion of the project. By using the funds towards her portion, we could re-appropriate those funds to supporting bringing Joy out for her author talk.
- The Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation - \$5,000 – notification in October
 - Awards grants to organizations in which a little bit of money could make a huge impact. They welcome requests from community-based non-profits.
- Leach Foundation – due June 30th
 - Focus areas include Arts, Humanities, Education, Health and Science, and Human Services.
- NDCF Greatest Needs – opens late Spring
- Shuttered Events – After reviewing the eligibility guidelines we are ineligible for this grant program. The grant requires museum facilities to have

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permanent stadium seating (which we don't have.) Even without that disqualified we were barely eligible after reviewing with Trudy as they go based on earned revenue. The only way we would have qualified under this portion is if we didn't count all the additional grant funding.

- FM Area Foundation - \$5,000 – notify June 25th - operational
- SBB Research Group – one organization picked each month \$5,000
 - This is a private organization that runs its grants like a contest. Each month they pick five organizations that they like the story of and their board interviews them. The winning organization gets \$5,000, the other four get \$1,000. They pick new organizations every month.
- 11:11 Energy Class with Kaiva Rose
 - Kaiva's class focuses on chakra alignment. She markets it under 11:11 because many of the individuals she has worked with have told her that was a spiritual awakening number for them. Kaiva may also be hosting bi-weekly tarot readings here in the coming months.
- Salsa Fridays – Abby and Nate
 - Eric is moving away so Abby and Nate would like to take over our weekly Salsa social. They are still deliberating amongst themselves what format they will use, but this would be wonderful for us. Salsa Friday was always a largely attended group and brings in lots of wonderful people.

Exhibition Update:

- Upcoming Exhibitions:
 - Gallery I - May 10- July 10,2021
 - Lynn Fundingsland
 - Gallery II - May 17- July 10,2021
 - Gary Scotze
 - Gallery I - July 12,2021- September 11,2021
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 - Effy Stonem

New Business

Saturdays in the summer are often a low visitation day to our galleries by the public and are a somewhat substantial expense considering we don't have events making up the cost. The board has voted that the expense doesn't justify us being open and have decided for summer we should discontinue Saturday hours.

Adjourn – 5:35pm