

SPIRIT ROOM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 25, 2021

4:45PM—Spirit Room Dawn's Office

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 29th, 2020

Present: Kim Bromley, Steve Makela, Meghan Duda, Dawn Morgan, Hollie DeFrancisco, Zenas Baer, Trudy Mickelson

Call to Order **4:49pm by Kim Bromley, President**

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

Current Balance – Dawn : \$27.666

Trudy presented the 2020 P&L comparison and the 2021 Budget for review.

Due to the number of additional grant funding available from Covid she chose to pick numbers that were between the incomes of 2019 and 2020 to arrive at 2021's budget.

Executive Director Report

- Election of Board officers and new board members
 - As Karen is too busy during the summers, she doesn't believe she would be a good fit for president. Steve and Meghan are both newer members. It was decided there is no real reason to shuffle roles as everyone feels Kim is doing a good job in his role as president.

Administrative Assistant Report

- NDHC - \$10,000 – deadline March 1st
 - We submitted this grant in association with our NEA Big Read programming. Funding would be used to bring Joy Harjo here for an author talk/ reading.
- HERG II - \$2,649.86
 - we were not approved, they determined we did not prove a great enough need for funding.
- The Lawrence Foundation - \$5,000 – Due 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 could be for operational or project support.
- Arts Midwest –
 - We would not be able to use this grant in support of bringing Joy here as events need to take place by December 2021 and Joy is not available to come out until March 2022.
 - Suggestions for submitting this grant – using it to bring the Erdrich sister's out for programming in attachment to the Big Read or covering

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the cost of Denise Lajimodiere doing her original event plus an extra event which would free up some NEA funds.

- 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 – June 30th
 - Focus areas include Arts, Humanities, Education, Health and Science, and Human Services.
- NDCF Greatest Needs – opens late Spring
- Shuttered Events – There are some shifting requirements for this grant, but once they have finalized the requirements, I will reach out to Trudy to verify our eligibility.
- Ikebana with Alice Fujita
 - Alice has continued offering her Japanese flower arranging course. There are currently only three students in this round. She has left enrollment open instead of requiring attendance to each class.
- Men's Purpose
 - Dom Vasquez is trying to arrange a men's support group to help individuals break from toxic male habits. Thursday, March 18th was their first meeting, but no one attended. We did have a couple interested parties reach out after the fact, but Dom has not contacted us to try and arrange another event.

Exhibition Update:

- Upcoming Exhibitions:
 - Gallery I- March 15 – May 8, 2021
 - Ali LaRock and Gretchen Bederman
 - Gallery II - March 8 – May 16, 2021
 - Kristen Young
 - Gallery I - May 10- July 10,2021
 - Karman Rheault?
 - Gallery II - May 17- July 10,2021
 - Gary Sclotze

New Business

Adjourn – 5:35pm