**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, October 27, 2022

4:45PM—Spirit Room Dawn’s Office

**Next Meeting**: Thursday, December 8,2022

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

Call to Order **4:50pm by Kim Bromley, President**

**Secretary’s Report**

Approval of Minutes – Steve made a motion to approve. Zenas 2nd. All approved.

**Treasurer’s Report –** Current Balance – $22,455.19

Expansion: $103.59

* Trudy distributed the P&L side by side comparison for 2022. The figures used were produced using the profit and expenses from January – June this year so some figures will need to be adjusted. Profits and expenses are comparable to last year so far.
* Dawn discussed how the membership is diminishing as those with discretionary funds are aging out or shrinking. The Rourke is experiencing a similar struggle. Dawn thought we should try to find larger projects to participate in as way to promote our existence and encourage public support.
* Currently all agreed that focusing on grants and individual donations is best for the financial stability of the Spirit Room.

**Executive Director Report**

* Denise Limited License Form
  + As discussed in the last meeting we will need a limited license agreement for performers to sign in order to mass produce a DVD of Denise and Joy’s event.
  + (**Action Item: Dawn)** Dawn will approach HND and NDSU press for funding support.
  + (**Action Item: Hollie)** Zenas has produced the limited license agreement for performers. Hollie will distribute the agreement to the performers to sign and return.
  + (**Action Item: Hollie)** Hollie will provide the artwork and printing materials to accompany the DVD.
* Spirit Room Birthday Celebration – November 26
  + In our membership letter we suggested a celebration on behalf of the Spirit Room turning 25, but after reviewing the included date it’s obvious that no one would be around to attend.
  + Dawn presented the idea of selecting a new date for the celebration.
  + Zenas mentioned if it is just the board celebrating his home would be open as a potential venue.
  + After some discussion it was decided a more appropriate date would be in February sometime so as to avoid grant writing season and tax filings.
* Bresnahan – Master Potter – Agricultural Partnerships (NPBS and Yunker Farm)
  + Several of the Breshnahan family are Fargo residents. Dawn was discussing with Eric Hill (Fargo Brewing Company) that possibility of Bresnahan producing a public work of art for the Northern Plains Botanical Society arboretum.
* FM Opera
  + The FM Opera will be having their post-production party here on Sunday, October 30 from 5-9pm.
* NEA Big Read selection – “The Bear,” by Andrew Krivak
  + In an Eden-like future, a girl and her father live close to the land in the shadow of a lone mountain. They own a few remnants of civilization: some books, a pane of glass, a set of flint and steel, a comb. The father teaches his daughter how to fish and hunt and the secrets of the seasons and the stars. He is preparing her for an adulthood in harmony with nature, for they are the last of humankind. But when the girl finds herself alone in an unknown landscape, it is a bear that will lead her back home through a vast wilderness that offers the greatest lessons of all, if she can learn to listen. A cautionary tale of human fragility, of love and loss.
  + (**Action Item: Hollie)** The letter of intent to apply is due January . Hollie will write up the letter of intent and submit to Dawn for review.
  + Meghan suggested that Yuki Coyle might be interested in doing an illustrated body of work to go with the exhibition. Yuki is currently producing a body of photographic illustrations based around bears.
  + Meghan also suggested the General manager of Bernbaums might be interested in participating as they are a known forager. She thought her name might be Candace. Further research is required.
  + Zenas suggested we should do further research on the author of the work to ensure that we are presenting culturally appropriate programming.
  + Dawn and Hollie thought the public library could easily present children programming based around this work.
  + **(Action Item: Hollie)** Hollie will order copies of the book for the board.

**Administrative Assistant Report**

* Angels of the Muse Holiday Fundraiser – Saturday, November 5 7-10pm $10
  + Angels of the Muse is a local, small non profit led by Jack Schauer. They bring musical performances to underserved communities such as the VA, Friendship, elderly homes, and daycares.
  + Their Holiday showcase is used as a way to bring in extra funds to support performances for the coming year. All funds are used to pay performers.
* Kristen Young – Painting Workshops – Saturday, November 12 and 19 1-3pm and Sunday, November 20 3-5pm by donation
  + Kristen has been our Artist in Residence for four months now, giving Gallery II a new energy and enthusiasm. Supported by a grant from the Minot Area Art Association, Kristen has decided to offer a series of painting workshops at the Spirit Room, the Red River Zoo, and possibly some elder facilities. The above dates reflect her second round of workshops with us.
* Meeting Time?
  + Hollie just wanted to check in with the board to ensure the meeting time was still appropriate for everyone’s hectic schedules.
* Group Show – Tale of Two Cities
  + “Tale of Two Cities,” by Charles Dickens enters the public domain next year. Hollie and Dawn thought the two cities (like Fargo and Moorhead,) would be a fun theme for the upcoming group exhibition.
  + Every other year the Spirit Room selects an alternative topic for the group exhibition (so our off years from the Crow Show.)
  + **(Action Item: Hollie)** Hollie will research some quotes from the book to find additional themes to suggest in the prospectus and work up a prospectus for Dawn’s review.

**Exhibitions:**

Gallery I – December 5, 2022 - January 27,2023

* + - Gordon Court

Lotus – December 5, 2022 - January 27,2023

* + - Hadi Alsadoun

Gallery I –January 30,2023 – March 18, 2023

* + - Joe Larson

Lotus –January 30,2023 – March 18, 2023

* + - Mark Holter

**New Business**

**Adjourn**

**5:50pm Meghan made a motion, Carol 2nd. All approved.**