

Friends of Multi Arts Center – Board Meeting

April 14, 2015 - Minutes

Prepared by Diane Graalman, Secretary

In Attendance: Valerie Bloodgood, Rhonda Plake, Judy Laine, Kathy Legako, Daisha Pennie, Claire Zevnik, Dena Rice, Mike Smolen, Lawrence Robinson, Buck Dollarhide, Illene Ozment, Diane Graalman

Guests:

Staff: Executive Director Nicki Wood, Ingrid Hendrix

Excused Absences: Surekha Sheorey

Unexcused Absences: Illene Ozment

President Rhonda Plake called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

Review of Minutes: The previous minutes were approved. Judy Laine moved to approve and Dena Rice seconded.

Director's Report: Nicki Wood presented Director's Report (attached). In addition, Nikki mentioned that a First Friday art walk idea had been discussed at her meeting. Lawrence Robinson was given a great "Thanks" for all of his help putting shelves up in gallery. Nikki also noted that the knitting group meets from 6-8pm on the second Wednesday of each month.

Treasurer's Report: Although there was no report, a request for a proposed budget for the upcoming year was suggested. Surekha and the executive committee will discuss the budget, which will be presented to the board at a future meeting.

Executive Session: Lawrence Robinson moved and Kathy Legako seconded not moving into the session.

Old Business

Board Retreat: Thursday, May 7 from 5:30-8:30 was the best date for all to attend. The survey will be discussed at that time.

Policy for Exhibits: Judy Laine discussed with the board and we agreed to table the policy until Surekha is finished with tax season. Kathy Legako made several legal suggestions for Judy to take under advisement.

Arts Festival:

Jackie Savage & Ingrid Hendrix (children's area): Ingrid said that volunteers were still needed.

Nicki and Valerie (artists' reception): Sign up Genius was set up so that members could volunteer to bring side dishes to accompany the meat supplied by Valerie, Rhonda and Connie. Valerie also noted that music was to be provided during the reception.

Judy Laine (publicity & info table) Judy mentioned that volunteers were still needed, and that mannequins would be available for paint splattering. Niki asked that people bring ice buckets and water.

Policy and Operating Procedures changes: The discussion was tabled until board members have had a chance to familiarize themselves with the changes. Valerie moved and Daisha seconded the motion that we have a special meeting to discuss the changes on April 27, 2015 at 5:30 pm.

OSU space use: Mike and Lawrence said the board was still in discussion about how OSU students and artists could use the building. Niki said she had discussed what OSU and Multi would consider reasonable rent from the university for Multi facilities. Diane moved, Claire seconded, and the board agreed to table the discussion about OSU space use until the city answered some legal questions.

New Business

Status of Grant applications: We have applied for a grant from Lowes. We have also asked the city for a grant (CBG) of \$5,000, which would be a matching grant for the garden. Suggestions were made to contact Bustani's for garden plants as well. CREC will also be contacted about a grant.

Create spreadsheet indicating timeline: Rhonda asked Ninki to create one.

Committee Reports: Emphasis was placed on committees meeting more regularly. To that end, board members were asked to volunteer to head the committees listed below. Other board members were asked to volunteer to serve on the committees as well. We also agreed that some of the Multi members should be asked to serve as committee members when needed.

Personnel:

Executive:

Membership: *Buck (head)*, Kathy, Daisha: Daisha mentioned that a new membership list had been created

Gallery: *Dena (head)* Diane, Connie Geresi, Claire

Publicity: *Judy (head)*, Illene, Meghan: The committee met in March. (See attached report)

Grants: *Valerie (head)*, Mike, Bonnie, Kathy

Bylaws: *Daisha (head)*, Susan Yaeger

Finance: *Surekha (head)*

Building/Facilities: *Lawrence (head)*

Web/Technology: *Kathy (head)*, Daisha

Fundraising: *Claire (head)*, Dena

Announcements

Public Comments: Claire distributed handouts for the Multi fundraiser that is to occur at Panera on April 23, 2015 from 4-8 pm.

Next Meeting: May 12, 2015

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm