

## Friends of Multi Arts Center – Board Meeting

May 12, 2015

Prepared by Diane Graalman

**In Attendance:** Valerie Bloodgood, Surekha Sheorey, Judy Laine, Illene Ozment, Diane Graalman, Deana Rice, Daisha Pennie, Buck Dollarhide, Kathy Legako, Mike Smolen, Claire Zevnik,

**Guests:**

**Staff:** Director Nicki Wood & Ingrid Hendrix

**Excused Absences:** Lawrence Robinson & Rhonda Plake

**Unexcused absences:**

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President Elect Judy Laine called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm

Review of Minutes: Corrected and approved. Illene Moved and Daisha seconded acceptance.

**Director's Report: Nicki** (See report ) The big-event cleanup was held with 50 volunteers. Nicki submitted a grant for the CREC. \$40 was raised from the Panera fundraiser. Nicki and Ingrid gave a well-received presentation about Multi to the Kiwanis group. Andrew Boatman will help plan a glass studio.

Executive Session: None

**Treasurer's report:** Surekha Sheorey (see report) went over both the March and April reports. She was asked several questions about the report, which she answered satisfactorily. Diane moved, Valerie seconded and the board approved the report.

**Committee Reports:**

Executive:

Personnel:

Membership:

**Promotion/publicity:** Judy noted that the arts festival brought a lot of interest for Multi.

**Bylaws:** Judy discussed the final draft, one change was made, and then Daisha moved, Illene seconded, and the board voted to accept the bylaws.

Gallery:

Finance Committee:

**Grants Committee:** Valerie said the group discussed what the focus for grants should be. The following were mentioned as items: 1. Elementary school programs as well as after school programs; 2. Scholarships for low-income students; 3. Sponsorships for fundraising on October 31.

Multi has also applied for a \$4,500 grant from the Stillwater Arts & Humanities Council

Building/Facilities:

**Fundraising:** Claire said the committee had met on May 12. Panera was a good start.

**Web/Technology:** Kathy mentioned that priorities were identified and included the following: 1. Class schedule 2. Existing computers being updated 3. Installing a fire wall for security.

## **Old Business:**

**Policy for Exhibits: Nicki & Judy** said that a final draft had been written. The board discussed various aspects and made a change after Valerie moved, Daisha seconded, and the board voted to raise the consignment commission from the current 35% up to 45%.

**Policy and Operating Procedures changes: Judy** opened the discussion of the proposed changes. Valerie move, Deana seconded, and the board voted to accept the changes.

**OSU Space Use: Niki & Lawrence:** As Lawrence was gone, Nicki suggested we wait to decide how to use the space until after Multi has had more discussion with the City of Stillwater.

**Status of Grant Applications:** Nicki mentioned CREC and Lowes as potential partners for Multi. She said she is constantly looking for other sources. Devon, Sarkey's, and Chesapeake as well as Apple foundation, Best Buy and Tech Soup were noted in a handout given to the secretary by the Tech committee.

**New Business:**

The June agenda was discussed. The Newsletter is ready to go out.

**Announcements:**

**Public Comments:**

Next meeting : June 8, 2015 at 5:30 pm

**Meeting adjourned:** At 7:30 pm.

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