



Meeting: March 15, 2022

Members Present:

Dan Smith – Chair
Patricia Gallagher – Vice Chair
Clayton Austin – Treasurer
Ruth Bandler – Secretary
Sharon Chang
Michele Greet
Melissa Grow
Steve Latourette
Susan Morris - Virtual
Yolanda Ortiz
Jessica Russo Revand
Padma Surapureddi
Debra Wright - Virtual

Members Absent, Excused:

Lisa Casazza
Brian Howell

Members Absent, Unexcused:

Staff:

Megan DuBois – Cultural Arts Manager

Guests:

None

Visitors:

Alex Clark

Dan Smith called the Commission on the Arts (CoA) Meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Approval of Minutes for February 2022 – Ruth Bandler, Secretary *(included in the read-ahead packet)*

- *A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to accept the minutes.*

Treasurer's Report – Clayton Austin, Treasurer *(included in the read-ahead packet)*

- Clayton summarized the budget status and commission/foundation cash flow chart for FY22. The cash flow chart was distributed during the meeting. He asked anyone who had questions about the process to contact him. Melissa asked about the Bank Account Report, what amounts of each line item are restricted to BL-OTHP (Bonita Lestina Old Town Hall Performance Series). Clayton said he would add that information to next month's report.

Action: Clayton will modify the Bank Account Report to indicate what amount of each line item is restricted to the BL-OTHP.

Cultural Arts Manager's Report – Megan DuBois, Cultural Arts Manager (*calendar included in the read-ahead packet*)

- Megan gave a presentation explaining Spotlight on the Arts to the new commissioners. She called attention to the scholarships awarded over 35 years by Spotlight - \$90,000. She encouraged the members to attend the opening reception.
- Megan announced that the "Americans for the Arts Convention" will be held in DC from 5/18-20/22. We have group rates. Clayton confirmed that we have \$300 in the budget for members to attend. Anyone interested should contact Megan.

Old Business -

- **Status, Overview of the Commission on the Arts Presentation – Dan Smith, Chair**
 - o Dan reminded the members to submit comments to Pat.
 - o **Action: Commissioners should review this presentation and send comments to Pat.**
- **Status, Assessments/Reviews of Current Programs – Dan Smith, Chair**
 - o Dan reminded the members to submitted comments to Pat.
 - o **Action: Commissioners should send comments to Pat.**
- **Willard-Sherwood Health and Community Center – Dan Smith, Chair**
 - o Dan said that he has had follow-up discussions with Rob Stalzer, City Manager, who said our issues have been heard and the city is going back to the architects to have them include some of our wish list items in the plans that are being developed.
- **Joan Cross Award**
 - o Dan said we have been talking with the Fairfax H.S. Band Director. He is working on picking a winner for this award.

Meeting Format – Megan DuBois

- Megan announced that per the city's directive, after 3/31/22, all commission meetings must be held in person in a publicly accessible place. This includes committee meetings of 3 or more people. Deb expressed continued concern about COVID exposure. Megan said there is a waiver process that we can implement.

Committee Reports – Dan Smith, Chair

- **Arts Awards – Jessica Russo Revand**
 - o Jessica said Mara (Hair and Mode Studio) has accepted the invitation to the awards ceremony. Robert Golden hasn't received his invitation letter yet.
- **ArtScreen – Steve Latourette** (*included in the read-ahead packet*)
 - o Steve encouraged new members to join the ArtScreen committee and help select next year's movies.
- **City of Fairfax Band Association (CFBA)** (*included in the read-ahead packet*)
 - o Ruth summarized the CFBA report.
 - o Steve mentioned that there will be a small ensemble concert on March 20, 4pm, Johnson M.S., featuring the Fairfax Swing Band and the Alte Kameraden German Band.
- **Grants – Pat Gallagher** (*included in the read-ahead packet*)
 - o Pat summarized the report and in particular, last week's meeting.
- **Language Arts 123 Committee – Sharon Chang** (*included in the read-ahead packet*)
 - o Sharon summarized the report.
- **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) – Pat Gallagher** (*included in the read-ahead packet*)
 - o Pat referred the members to the report and discussed the plans for Gateway Regional Park which she thinks are very impressive.
- **Performing Arts – Melissa Grow**
 - o Melissa said the committee met yesterday to discuss potential performers for next year's BL-OTHPs and the budget process. The committee is promoting diversification efforts. When the list is compiled, Melissa will send it to Megan.
- **Public Art – Debra Wright, Chair** (*included in the read-ahead packet*)

- Debra summarized the report and explained the requested action from the report, \$300 for Art Walk 2022 activities. Clayton said there is \$300 in the budget for a fall art walk which was not spent.
- *Steve made a motion which was seconded and passed unanimously to make up to \$300 available to the committee for Art Walk 2022 activities as described in the report.*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.