

Prince William County Arts Council
Monthly Board Meeting
March 14, 2023 at 6:30 PM (refreshments at 6pm)
James J. McCoart Building

Call to Order—Chair

Alice Mergler called the meeting to order at 6:30pm, welcomed attendees and extended refreshments.

Roll Call—Secretary

Kelly Haneklau: Completed roll call and **18 directors were present**. There is a quorum. Guests were introduced.

Members of the Board Present

1. Alice Mergler – Board Chair
2. Kelly Haneklau – Secretary
3. Peter Alten – Treasurer
4. Susan Bardenhagen – Vice Chair for Programming
5. Victor Harper – Vice Chair for Marketing
6. Debora Madsen – Vice Chair for Nominations
7. Sean Peck (Dir. Shenandoah Sound)
8. Wanda Lee Smith – Neabsco Appointee
9. Jordan Exum (Director ARTfactory)
10. Elysabeth Muscat (Virginia National Ballet)
11. Diane Bennett (Manassas Symphony Orchestra)
12. Ron Crigger (Coles Representative)
13. Carylee Carrington (Read with Carylee)
14. Jesus Torres (Woodbridge Representative)
15. Jackie Thomas (GEM Theater)
16. Kim B Miller (Poet Emeritus)
17. Catrina Stroman (Potomac Representative)
18. David E. Roberts

Members of the Board Absent

1. Brenda Johnson
2. Catrina D. Stroman
3. Dave Roberts
4. Jina Kang
5. Desirea Moore-Mitchell
6. Heather Gorrell

Guests and Staff Present: Susan Dommer (Manassas Chorale), Susan Furr (PWAS), John Hartt (Jortt), Mark Wolfe (Manassas Ballet), Emily Smith (HPAC), Diane Roebuck (Prince William Community Band), Mark Cohen (Woodbridge Community Choir), Amir Wenrich (Assistant Director of Marketing, DPRT), John Blevins (Assistant Director for Recreation, DPRT), Krys Bienia (Woodbridge Dance Company), Emily Smith (Hylton Performing Arts Center), Herb Williams (Arts Recreation Specialist, DPRT), and Donald Garrett (Parliamentarian).

Minutes Approval—Chair

- Victor Harper motioned; Ron Crigger seconded “*To approve the January 2023 minutes.*” The motion was **ADOPTED** by a vote of 14 in favor, 2 opposed.

New Business: Secretary

- Angel Lopez stepping down
- Write by the Rails has new representative: Maryel Stone is co-president of Write by the Rails as of email from Katherine Gotthardt on 1-24-23
- Some member emails undeliverable, have reached out to Herb for clarification

DPRT Report—Seth Hendler-Voss

- Explained monetary breakout on Treasurer’s report

Treasurer’s Report—Treasurer

- Peter Alten stated \$4055 was paid in Technical Assistant (TA) grants.
- Peter motioned; Victor Harper seconded “*To approve the TA grants.*” The motion was **ADOPTED** by a vote of 16 in favor.
- Peter motioned; Victor Harper seconded “*To approve that money made at OSA is allocated back to OSA.*” The motion was **ADOPTED** by a vote of 14 in favor, 2 opposed.

Marketing Report—Vice Chair of Marketing

- The Victor Harper talked about the mission, purpose and meaning of programs. Target audience and benefits of the Arts Council programs. Proposed to reallocate money to assist with funding painting classes, drawing classes, etc.

Nominations Report—Vice Chair of Nominations

- On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Debora Madsen moved, “*To appoint Kim B. Miller and Jackie Thomas to the Board.*” The motion was **ADOPTED** by a vote of 14 in favor.

Programming Report—Vice Chair of Programming

- Susan Bardenhagen thanked Kim B Miller, Wanda Lee Smith and Jay Torres. No volunteers have stepped up. Informed group of Seefeldt Award Event details.
- On behalf of the Programs Committee, Susan Bardenhagen moved, “*To hold the Seefeldt Award Event this year in May.*”

- Victor Harper began a discussion about whether to hold Seefeldt this year, asking about past attendance and goals and objectives.
- Board members noted the history of the event and spoke to how VIPs from the County come and support.
- The motion was **ADOPTED** by a vote of 12 in favor, 4 opposed.
- On behalf of the Programs Committee, Susan Bardenhagen moved, *“To approve the Plan of Action for the Seefeldt Award Event.”*
 - DRPT staff indicated that they will do their best to support the Plan, but procurement policy and venue availability may impact the timeline.
 - The motion was **ADOPTED** by a vote of 11 in favor, 3 opposed.

Education update—Susan Dommer

- Talked about programming for underserved schools between now and June 5 with experiences in visual and performing arts in all areas and schools in the county.
- Kim B Miller mentioned background checks needed for all individuals going into the schools.
- Jordan Exum asked how we are sourcing instructors and mentioned the ARTfactory can help.

Ad Hoc/Special Committees Reports

1. Public Arts Committee Chair

- Jordan Exum stated two meetings were held on Feb 16 and March 7 and two proposals are forthcoming.
- Jay Torres proposed large murals on buildings in the county. He wants to work with shop owners and businesses. Has a few prospects, but nothing concrete yet.
- John Hartt proposed his project currently underway called “Something Wonderful”. Larger than life outdoor sculptural whimsical creatures he paints and will install at the Harris Pavilion in Old Town, Manassas this summer. He already has approval from the city to place the sculptures. Needs funding.
- John Hartt motioned; Kelly Haneklau seconded *“To approve \$2500 in funding for the project Something Wonderful.”*
 - An amendment to lower the dollar amount to \$1250 failed by a vote of 0-11.
 - DRPT Staff indicated that due to a lack of public art policy, the County may not be able to expend the money.
 - Kelly added there is a line item on the adopted Arts Council budget for public art.
 - The motion was **ADOTPED** by a vote of 15 in favor, 0 opposed.

Liaison Report—Herb Williams

- No report

Unfinished Business

- Amir Wenrich announced the functionality and stability of the site is complete, but they are still adding content to the site.
- Peter Alten asked if members can renew membership on site yet. Amir responded not yet.
- Herb Williams said member/vendor categories are being updated.
- Debora Madsen asked when the calendar update section would be available. Amir said in three days.
- Alice Mergler motioned; Victor Harper seconded, *“To submit the revised Charter to the Board of County Supervisors.”*
 - The motion was **ADOPTED** by a vote of 12 in favor and 4 opposed.

Announcements

- Ron Crigger said he still has not gotten the Hylton Contract as requested. Alice Mergler recommended he talk with Seth Hendler-Voss for finalization.
- Debora Madsen announced an event happening this weekend by the Woodbridge Music Club.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm.



Kelly Haneklati, Secretary