

Meeting called to order: 5:00

In attendance: Dan Adams, JJ Abernathy, Paula Bell, Pam Heath, Rebecca White and Liza Zumpft

Presidents Report: JJ and Paula met with two County Commissioners. They went into a meeting with a proposal to incorporate the Arts Council into the County. We received a RAP award of \$12,000 which was a substantial increase from last year. Most of the funds were spent on the "Creative Age" Conference and Paula felt that we should be sponsoring other events as well. Lisa asked if we would still be able to apply for Arts & Museum grants. Paula replied that she felt we could still apply but the grants are project driven and we should be developing other projects besides the conference. Paula reported that Vick Iverson is working on establishing the Arts Council as part of the County. Paula proposed that we could set a line item out of the RAP fund large enough to hire a part time person to administer the Arts Council. Lisa pointed out that we would need to request at least \$80,000 for a ¾ time person. The RAP tax is a 10-year plan that will need to be voted on to continue, we are in the 4th year of the present tax. Paula pointed out that there are twice as many seniors in Washington County at least 25% of the States seniors live in St. George and surrounding areas. So, instead of a 501C, if we join with the County we can still qualify for UDAM grants and have many benefits such as the County website. The next step is to create a Declaration of Intent and Paula has spoken with the County attorney Eric Clark, who will advise us. The commissioners will meet on Monday and we should know something next week. We will also need to revise our Mission statement and perhaps our bylaws as well. The County could then be a sponsor of the "Creative Age" Conference under Arts, Inc. and a committee formed to run the Conference. JJ Abernathy also reminded us that we will need to work up a 5- year strategic plan. Jason Bowcutt is willing to come and help us facilitate a 5 -year strategic plan. The Arts Council had talked about merging with Arts to Zion, but feel that it's not feasible at this time. Lisa Zumpft talked about the "Change Leader" program and felt that the Arts Council members would be great candidates to participate. Applications are due early April and the training programs run May through November. It's great training on how to effect change in your community, ken Crosley, Becky Cox and Doug Caputo are "Change Leaders" to name a few.

Old Business: "Creative Age Conference: Paula has met with Jeff at Dixie College and is working on alternative dates for next year, hopefully in Nov. not Oct. as it will be a better time for us. She is hoping for Nov. 4th and 5th. Marketing needs to be the whole state and started sooner. Becky Cox and Dan Adams have created a timeline and we are already behind schedule. At this point we mostly need to make assignments for committee members to fill various positions (see the attached timeline). Please volunteer to take on some of these assignments and if you know of anyone who would like to serve on the board please let us know. Also, we need items for the Rotary dinner auction, let Paula know if you have items to donate, a portion of the proceeds go to the Creative Age Conference.

Next meeting will be: Feb. 12th, Monday at 5PM at the DiFiore Center

Meeting Adjourned: 6:15