

## Arts Council of Washington County Board Meeting Minutes

**April 20, 2017**

**Meeting called to order: 5:55pm**

**In Attendance:** Paula Bell, Rebecca White, Dan Adams, JJ Abernathy and Becky Cox

**Motion to Accept Minutes:** from the last meeting-Becky Cox, second-JJ Abernathy

### **Old Business:**

**Possible Merger with Arts to Zion-**A motion was passed at the last meeting to postpone updating the bylaws until a facilitator could be acquired to advise about this possible merger. Becky Cox and Bobbi Wan-kier are going to Salt Lake City to meet with the Utah Division of Arts and Museums. Becky suggested talking to Jason Bowcutt about acting as a facilitator. JJ Abernathy talked to the City Council about a grant but felt that it was more appropriate to work with the state. She suggested Nancy Baskoff- Arts Consultant (801-557-2179) from UDAM, or possibly Lynette Hiskey. If a facilitator is acquired, we will start re-working the bylaws at the May Meeting. The need for a Long Range Strategic plan was also discussed and pointed out that with a merger we could really consolidate our resources.

**Creative Aging Workshops-**Monday and Wednesday at 3:30 and 6:30pm are the slots open for workshops at the DiFore Center. Dan Adams reported that they are not being that well attended, only 1 to 5 people per session. It was then suggested that the schedule be sent out to the entire Arts Council Board member list and Paula Bell will send Dan the list from the last Creative Age Conference. Becky Cox is working on a summer schedule for Art workshops for children and will co-ordinate with Dan Adams. Dan Adams has volunteers to be the chair for the Arts Council Creative Age workshops and seminars.

**Creative Aging Conference-**October 12, 13 and possibly 14<sup>th</sup> is set for the next conference, as Dixie State University is on Fall break then, so there will be less conflicts. A request has been proposed to hold the Conference Dinner in Gardner Hall instead of the Gymnasium, mostly because of safety issues. Paula Bell suggested that perhaps we could hold an event at the Kayenta Center for the Arts. Paula Bell has written a Grant Proposal for \$12,000 for sponsorship for the Conference, funding will be announced in June. Paula suggested that we may want to develop a new theme for the conference to make it more appealing and drawn in an audience. We need to put out a call for presenters, as soon as possible. It was agreed by all that a timeline is needed, so that we can have a full schedule. Becky Cox also suggested that we simplify the applications for presenters.

### **Suggested Timeline deadlines:**

- Proposals for Presenters & Seminars- done by June
- Registration materials- out by the first week in July
- Advertising-out by end of July
- Schedule of Events-done by August

Everyone should be thinking of the Keynote Speaker; Greg Finch may want to return as well as Daniel . It was also suggested that someone representing the Arts Council should appear on the Mary Dixon program on KUED, channel 7 as well as channel 11 for public service announcements. Paula also suggested St. George Magazine, Etched and JJ Abernathy suggested the Senior Sampler.

### **New Business:**

Rotary Annual Dinner-April 29<sup>th</sup>, Paula Bell needs items for the Live and silent auctions which benefit the Arts Council. JJ Abernathy will bring Symphony tickets and Paula will match them with Dinner tickets. Becky Cox will provide helicopter tickets.

Dan Adams proposed a possible Utah Art Therapy Seminar to be held in St. George within the next 18 months. Specifically a Seminar in expressive arts therapy for visual art/music/dance/rec/play/drama therapists and art educators in Utah/Nevada. Building on the recent Creative Arts Therapy Conference held in Salt Lake City April 8, 2017.

Hats Off to the Arts-5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Difore Center is May 12 and we need to supports this and get the word out.

JJ Abernathy will present something on the Dvorak Festival idea that she is working on. Summer Robertson from the St. George Dance Company is also interested.

**Next meeting: May 18 at 6:00 PM**

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:10 PM**

