

## Arts Council of Washington County Board Meeting Minutes

May 25, 2017

Meeting Called to order: 6:21pm

**In Attendance:** Paula bell, Rebecca White, JJ Abernathy, Becky Cox, Lisa Zumpft

Motion to accept Minutes from last meeting: Becky Cox as amended, second by JJ Abernathy

**President's Report:** Paula Bell went to a conference on Health, Well Being and Aging in Cedar City. The seminar that most impressed her was on "Elder Abuse". The keynote speaker was from San Diego and gave an excellent presentation. Paula also had a booth at the conference to raise awareness of our upcoming Creative Age Conference. Heather Cox will provide a speaker for the Creative Age Conference.

**Treasurer's Report:** Paula said that the treasurer was not available but reported that we have approximately \$5,900 in the budget. \$150 went to the Area of Governor's for Seniors. We are still waiting for approval for RAP funds, it will not go before the City Council until June. \$19,000 was raised at the annual Rotary Dinner, so it is likely they will donate \$2000 to \$2500 for the October Creative Aging Conference.

**Old Business: Creative Aging Conference:** we will be sending out an announcement about RAP funding in July. Intermountain Audiology will be giving us a grant, and do a presentation. Kelly Charleton worked with us last year. Dixie University has agreed to sponsor us through Dixie Live Well. The dates are October 12, 13 and 14<sup>th</sup>. Becky Cox reminded us that we are supposed to have the schedule in place by July. The title Creative Age vs Creative Ageing was discussed and it was determined to keep things as they are for now. Lynn Clark will be speaking on "Art and Theatre in Southern Utah" in co-operation with the Smithsonian that will be hosted around the same time as the Conference. A Speaker list and fees needs to be developed and ideas for a keynote speaker need to be determined soon. Dan Adams is working on gathering the speakers and has revised the application process. Becky Cox suggested Eileen Haslett Stone a writer who has written "Missing Stories, Utah Stories" oral history of Utah outside the LDS church. She felt that she might agree to be a presenter at the conference. Becky also, suggested that we might get a grant from UDAM she talked to Jason Bowcutt and it can be an instate grant but can't be simultaneous with fund raising. Lisa announced that Kayenta will not be holding an Art Festival in the Fall as they are in the process of finishing their facility. The Senior games will be going on at the same time but only the Half-Marathon so it shouldn't be such a conflict. Memory Matters will also be involved again with the Conference. Becky Cox pointed out that we need three month's advance lead time for the Continuing Education program for the conference. Heather Cox is working with the Five Counties organization to provide a presenter. One issue that needs to be address is registration for the conference, we need to have the web site available sooner with the schedule listed. Paula asked if anyone knew of someone who has web development experience to ask if they would be willing to take on this task. JJ Abernathy thinks she might know of someone and will ask if he could help. Ken Crosley from the BYU Art Department might be able to help with presenters. Rebecca White will work on trying to get a slot on Mary Dixon's show on KEUD channel 7 as well as Community Connection on KBYU. Lisa Zumpft suggested the musical group "3 Hat Trio" as a fun musical group and Cowboy Poetry, they have performed in Springdale and are the right age group. We need to make sure we invite all the St. George Arts Council members, the RAP board and the City Council to the Creative Age Conference.

**Merger with Arts to Zion:** Becky Cox talked to Jason Bowcutt about our possible merger. We still don't have a five year plan in place. So, she talked to him about coming possibly the first weeks in August to work with the Arts Council on this proposal. Springdale and the Zion area are merging 3 different organizations into one.

**New Business: Dvorak Festival.** JJ Abernathy Gave us a brief description of what the festival involves and what it could mean for the community. Dvorak was invited to America to help to develop non-European music and encourage native American and other American arts. He wrote the "New World Symphony" in honor of this precept, he especially supported black

American music and dance. He met with native Americans and met any of them with the Buffalo Bill "Wild West Show" in the Denver area. He did a lot of choral performances all across America and through festivals across America attempted to unite the arts. JJ Abernathy wants to write a grant for a Dvorak Festival of the Arts in Southern Utah and have the Arts Council support this Festival. She suggested a month long festival but it was pointed out that we should probably start out smaller with 3 or 4 days instead. JJ Abernathy particularly wants to involve Native Americans and High school students. Next Spring was proposed but it was pointed out that we still haven't finished putting together the Creative Ageing Conference and that we need more planning time. She suggested that we have the people to do the committee work and that we start by naming committee heads and start the process to work towards Spring of 2018. Lisa suggested we work through the Tourism Organization and Joseph Golorowitz from the NEA was also suggested for a possible grant. JJ Abernathy will go through several organizations to see what their involvement might be. Lisa Zumpft suggested that as far as the Native Americans were concerned it was best to start at the top instead of going through each tribal chief.

**High School Art Exhibit:** JJ Abernathy stated that Bruce Birmingham a Ceramic Artist is looking for a venue for Southern Utah High School Students to exhibit their artwork. They also need funds for space rental and advertising. It was agreed that the Arts Council should support this and help them to find a venue. They will need to submit a proposal and JJ Abernathy said she would get together with Bruce Birmingham and report back at the next meeting.

**Next Meeting:** June 15 , 2018 unless otherwise announced

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:55PM**