

Orange County Arts Commission

September 10, 2007 Minutes

Attendees: Geoffrey Hathaway, Robert Kintz, Wendy Gellert, Tyler Dockery, Dan Shannon, Shannon Jackson, Leah Rade, Lauri Alexander, Bronwyn Merritt, Alice Levinson, Mary Jane Felgenhauer

Staff: Martha Shannon

The August 2007 OCAC Board Minutes were approved.

No letter of agreement yet from People's Channel about their grant for a summer program project. Proposal to substitute this \$1500 for the Emerging Artists Program if the People's Channel turns down their grant award. Dan Barker moved to accept this proposal and Tyler Dockery seconded; all in favor.

We are still looking for a new board member. Dan Barker suggested we call everyone on our list of applicants. Tyler Dockery suggested emailing through arts organization listservs to find more candidates. Alice Levinson noted that we need more representation from out in the county.

We need a facilitator and no financial assistance is available to pay for them through Arts North Carolina this year. The retreat focus would be discussing possible changes to the grant process. Tyler Dockery wants to discuss our involvement as far as generating interest in the program, especially encouraging artists to go into the schools and teachers to bring them in. Dan Barker added we want to identify groups that are underrepresented in the applicant field. Georgann Eubanks was identified as a good choice for facilitator and Jan 12, 2008 was chosen as the date, with Feb 9 or 16 as backup times. The retreat will be 9-3 at Alice Levinson's house.

Robert Kintz of the Nominating Committee moved to accept Alice Levinson (Chair) and Rachel Lillis (Vice Chair) as continuing in their current positions and Shannon Jackson as Secretary. Lauri Alexander seconded; all in favor.

Wendy Gellert asked about showing opportunities, which inspired a conversation about that and the need for ongoing education for artists about how to market their work through salons and newsletters, etc.

Geoffrey Hathaway moved to adjourn and Lauri Alexander seconded. The motion carried.