

ORANGE COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION
Monday, August 14, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.
Southern Human Services Building, Chapel Hill, NC

Board Members present: Tim Hoke, Chair; Doris Friend, Secretary; Delia Keefe, Dan Mayer, Consuelo Marshall, Helen Jones, Ashley Nissler, Chris Kubica, Tarish Pipkins

Board Members absent: Bronwyn Merritt, Tinka Jordy, Anita Mills

Staff Members present: Katie Murray, Director

- I. Hoke called the meeting to order at 6:30.
- II. Murray read the memo she sent to the Orange County Commissioners earlier today, informing them that OCAC is no longer on probationary status with the North Carolina Arts Council.
- III. Friend moved, Nissler seconded to approve the July, 2017 minutes. Motion passed.
- IV. Board Member Discussion:
 - Murray announced that she will soon be sending a skills assessment survey to board members.
 - We still have two open seats on our board. Board members are strongly encouraged to help identify candidates to fill these positions. Special emphasis should be placed on diversity and the performing arts.
 - Murray asked board members to consider volunteering to serve as Vice-Chair. Please contact Katie if you are willing.
- V. Director's Report
 - All 2017 grant applicants have been notified of their selection/non-selection.
 - SAVE THE DATE: The North Carolina Arts Council and OCAC will hold a joint press conference on October 5, 2017 at 6:00 to announce the very positive results of the Arts and Economic Prosperity survey. The press conference will be held at Leland Little Auction House, 620 Cornerstone Drive, Hillsborough, NC.
 - Plans for the Plein Air event in October are going well. Board members are encouraged to consider serving as a host home to out of town artists.
 - The unveiling of the Gold Park Bee Hotel will be held on Saturday, November 4th, time TBD.
 - More than 50 submissions were received in response to the Carolina Inn's call. Regrettably, none of the entries were acceptable to the Inn. Murray will put out another call with a shift in focus toward UNC and more details about budget, display space, etc.

- Fifteen applications have been received and reviewed for the OCAC Intern position. The pool has been narrowed down to four. Katie and Doris will be reviewing essays written by the candidates and will conduct interviews soon.
- The digital version of the OCAC Art Map is available on line. The printed version will go to press after one more proofing by board members.

VI. Grant Discussion:

- Following a short discussion, Marshall moved and Nissler seconded to form a sub-committee to review our grant process. What worked well? What can be improved? Keefe volunteered to serve on this committee.

VII. Liaison Reports:

- Hoke: Visitor's Bureau – nothing new to report.
- Friend: Hillsborough Arts Council – I am being considered for board membership.
- Mills: Katie reported for Anita - A group of "local artists and concerned citizens" have prepared a report comparing Chapel Hill to Raleigh, Durham, Cary and Greensboro. A good building block for future study.
- Mayer: The Arts Center – The Carrboro Arts Council is alive and well again. Co-sponsoring the Shimmer Event in February and plans are in process for a mural. Dan distributed the 2017-18 Arts Center school catalog. Classes are selling "like hot cakes!" Twenty-four concerts scheduled for this season. In October, TAC will partner with Kalisher to honor the recent passing of Founder, Jesse Kalisher.
- Rogers: Katie reported for Jen – New PRC2 production "Count" opening August 23-27. This is a co-production with OCAC grant recipient Hidden Voices.

VIII. New Business:

Mayer suggested that Katie establish a forum on the OCAC website for artists to express themselves about the recent and horrible events in Charlottesville instigated by Alt-Right demonstrators. Pipkins encouraged the board to consider taking the Racial Equity Institute's training which he described as "life changing."

Respectfully submitted,
Doris Friend, OCAC Secretary