

ORANGE COUNTY October 9, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.
Southern Human Services Building, Meeting Room C
2501 Homestead Road
Chapel Hill, NC

Board Members present: Tim Hoke, Chair; Doris Friend, Secretary; Tarish Pipkins, Chris Kubica, Bronwyn Merritt, Tinka Jordy, Dan Mayer, Ashley Nissler

Board Members absent: Consuelo Marshall, Helen Jones, Delia Keefe, Anita Mills

Staff Members present: Katie Murray, Director, Georgia Brunner, Intern

- I. Hoke called the meeting to order at 6:30.

- II. Katie asked for clarification about Item 8 in the August minutes. Following discussion, it was agreed that OCAC could be the locus of facilitated discussion(s) to explore various ways artists respond to issues such as racism, politics, social justice, etc. Mayer moved and Nissler seconded to approve the August, 2017 and September, 2017 minutes. Motion passed.

- III. Board Member Discussion:
 - Hoke moved that Chris Kubica be approved to serve as Vice Chair. Friend seconded. Motion passed. Hoke said he would be calling a meeting of the Executive Committee in the near future.
 - Following discussion of our continued strategic efforts to recruit board members with an emphasis on diversity, performing arts and community involvement, Friend moved to approve the volunteer application of Linda Williamson. Hoke seconded. Motion passed.
 - It was suggested that the up-coming listening sessions to be held in November will be another opportunity to identify potential board members.

- IV. Use of Returned Grant Funds:
 - OCAC granted \$2,265 to the “Shimmer” event in Carrboro. These funds have been returned due to the postponement of the event. Following discussion, it was agreed that a portion of these funds be used to establish a Friends of Orange County Arts non-profit. Murray agreed to prepare a proposal for presentation at the November board meeting.
 - We are expecting some additional income from the Plein Air event at the end of this month. The Town of Hillsborough has expressed an interest in a mural on the wall of the municipal parking deck. Pending funding, we will explore this opportunity further.

V. Director's Report

- Thanks to Chris Kubica, a Google calendar has been set up. Murray will send the link to the board. Board members are encouraged to subscribe
- Grant checks were presented at the October County Commissioners meeting. Thanks to Tim and Delia for attending.
- Thanks to all the Board members who attended the "State of the Arts In Orange County" event on October 5th. We had excellent attendance by both local and state officials and area arts organizations.
- Murray continues to work with the ad hoc Cultural Arts Group on exploring the feasibility of an arts center for Orange County.
- Murray will be conducting a series of listening sessions with a wide variety of community members, local officials and artists. She will soon be sending out a schedule. Board members are asked to sign up for a least one session, preferably not in your area of expertise.
- There has been no response from the Carolina Inn regarding the additional 20 pieces of art were presented for review.
- Plans for the Plein Air Paint-Out are going well. Thirty-two artists have registered with more anticipated. Landscape artist John Beerman will jury the entries at 5:00p.m. on Friday, October 20th followed by a reception and sale at 6:00 at the Hillsborough Arts Council gallery. Board members are encouraged to attend.
- Murray announced that she has received mostly positive feedback regarding her arts advocacy article "Election 2017: The Arts Vote" in which incumbents and candidates were asked their view on the relevancy of the arts to their respective communities. Mayer asked the Board for a vote of confidence in support of Murray's proactive canvassing of the candidates for office regarding their position on the arts in the community. The Board approved unanimously.

VI. Grant Subcommittee Update:

- In follow-up to the August decision to form a subcommittee to review our grant process, Murray, Jordy and Mayer met in August but has not met since. Murray will establish a meeting date and will distribute the minutes of the August meeting to the Board.

VII. Liaison Reports:

- Hoke: Visitor's Bureau – The Visitor's Bureau is currently focused on the study performed by an outside consulting firm on the creation of an amateur sports facility in Orange County that would draw overnight visitors.
- Friend: Hillsborough Arts Council – The Hillsborough Arts Council is working on many of the same issues as OCAC. We are looking to establish a board development committee and to update HAC's strategic plan. Plans for the Plein Air Event are

going well and the members and volunteers of HAC have been very enthusiastic and supportive of the event.

- Mills – Orange County Arts Guild (absent): Open Studio Tour coming up November 4th -5th and 11th -12th.
- Mayer - The Arts Center: The “Art Spark” programs of family entertainment are going well. There will be five concerts between now and April. We have 17 residencies in Title I Orange County schools now through Thanksgiving.
- Mayer – Carrboro Arts Committee: The 20th Annual Carrboro Music Festival was a success. There is interest in public art in Carrboro. It has been recommended that the Committee establish a process for moving forward.

Hoke adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Doris Friend, OCAC Secretary