

**ORANGE COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION**

**March 11, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Chapel Hill Public Library**

*Board Members present: Tim Hoke, Chair; Doris Friend, Secretary; Chris Kubica, Vice Chair, Delia Keefe, Tinka Jordy, Marlon Torres, Fred Joiner, Evan Linett, Dan Mayer, Linda Williamson, Marcela Slade, Ashley Nissler. Welcome to new member Justin Haslett!*

*Board Members absent: Anita Mills, Bronwyn Merritt*

*Guests: Sally Greene, Orange County Commissioner, Ellen Slavic, Professor, UNC Department of Art*

*Staff Present: Katie Murray, Executive Director*

- I. Tim called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- II. Chris moved, Tinka seconded to approve the February, 2019 minutes with correction as noted by Katie. Motion approved.
- III. Advisory Board Update:
  - Following discussion, it was agreed to amend the OCAC by-laws to reflect the addition of term limits for Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. Officers to be nominated in September, voted on in October or November and begin term of office in January. Officers serve for one year and may serve no more than three consecutive terms.
  - It was also agreed to Section III.B.4 to read “No person serving on the Orange County Arts Commission shall vote or discuss an award by the Orange County Arts Commission to an agency which they have a direct or indirect fiduciary interest.”
  - Dan moved and Ashley seconded a motion for Katie to finalize final changes to the by-law language and email it to the full board for approval via email vote.
  - Katie asked for volunteers to serve on an exploratory committee to examine the future structure of a 501(c)3. If you are interested, please email Katie.
  - In this regard, Katie distributed a diagram of the proposed future structure of the OCAC (attached) and stressed the importance of a clear understanding of this proposed structure to avoid misconceptions in the community.
- IV. Director’s Report:
  - Katie negotiated with the Chapel Hill Tourism Bureau to cover her health insurance expenses. This represents a \$9K addition to the OCAC budget.
  - The first meeting of the public funding committee was held on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Katie is meeting with Orange County attorney, John Roberts to explore options that do not require legislative approval.
  - In partnership with the Hillsborough Arts Council, Katie is exploring possible artists’ studio space at Eno Mill and the old Cedar Ridge high school. Thanks to Evan for designing a studio space survey.

- Katie has applied for the New Horizons grant from NCAC
  - Quarterly networking events on hold for now.
- V. Changes to Grant Review Process:
- Following discussion, several changes were made to our grant review process (attached).
- VI. Outside Agency grant applications are due March 29<sup>th</sup>.
- VII. Committee Reports:
- Chris is generously expanding the scope of the high school writing competition. Entries will be collected Fall 2019 and monetary awards made in Spring 2020.
- VIII. Liaison Reports:
- Visitor's Bureau – Tim
- Branding efforts on-going
- Hillsborough Arts Council – Doris
- HAC has formed a partnership with the Hillsborough Classic Film Society
  - Art in the Heart of Hillsborough coming up on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Forty-five artist booths have been secured.
  - A thank-you party for 2018 donors is planned for May 18<sup>th</sup>
  - River Park Concert will be October 19<sup>th</sup>
- Orange County Artists Guild – Katie for Anita
- The Guild is considering significantly increasing advertising and marketing this year, reaching Charlotte, Asheville, Wilmington, etc.
- Carrboro Arts Committee –Justin
- The committee has discouraged the proposal to move the “Exhale” sculpture.
  - Congratulations to Fred Joiner, Carrboro Poet Laureate
- UNC Student Liaison – Evan
- Music and Black Politics Concert March 23
  - Evan's Senior trumpet March 30!
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Arts Everywhere Day April 12
  - UNC Student Art Movement formed January 2019 to unite the diverse array of student art
  - Musical Empowerment had a successful fundraising campaign. Thanks to all!
    - Spring Recital is April 13<sup>th</sup>.

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

Respectfully submitted, Doris Friend, OCAC Secretary

