

ORANGE COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION

October 12, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting - GoToMeeting

Board Members present: Fred Joiner, Chair; Delia Keefe, Secretary; Dan Mayer, Linda Williamson, Tim Hoke, Marcela Slade, Justin Haslett, Matthew Keith, Marlon Torres, Sean Bailey, Krista Bremer, Brad Porter

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

Staff Present: Katie Murray, Executive Director; Emilie Menzel, Assistant

- I. Fred called the meeting to order at 6:33pm.
- II. Brad moved to approve the September 2020 minutes. Krista seconded.
- III. Advisory Board Update
 - a. Welcome to new board members Sean Bailey and Matthew Keith.
 - b. We need to appoint a new liaison from the board to the Chapel Hill/Orange County Tourism Board
- IV. Director's Report:
 - a. Orange County Arts Support Fund
This is ongoing with the WHUP 50/50 drive. One half of the proceeds will be used to support musicians in the county.
 - b. Grants program update
Contracts will be going out tomorrow for grassroots and progress grants. Katie is working with the ArtsCenter to align applications for the schools. The roster will be set around the first of the month. 3-5 board members will need to serve on the panel for Arts in Education. The school system should have paid the ArtsCenter for its service in the fall and spring. Katie will notify them regarding this issue.
 - c. Paint it NC
This is a virtual event involving artists from the mountains to the beach. Painters may include up to 5 paintings. Early preview tickets can be purchased from OCAC and the Hillsborough Arts Council for \$25. Sales will be handled by the artists.
 - d. NC Cares for the Arts Grant Program
These grants, made available by the state, are open October 12 – 30 to nonprofits, businesses, and individuals. Details are being worked out. We need panel reviewers for this.

V. Grant Review

a. Operations Support Grant Applications

This \$50k from the county commissioners is to support nonprofit arts in the county, following the state guidelines for grassroots. After discussion, the board voted to cap the grants at \$5000 and to accept Katie's recommendations for allocation.

b. Arts Educator Grant Applications

\$2000 has been budgeted for this and will be used for professional development. The applicants are educators in theater arts, visual art, and music. All applicants will be funded.

VI. Liaison Reports

a. UNC Student Liaison

There is a link to the UNC feeder page for zoom productions, stage readings and plays, and music.

b. Chapel Hill Arts Commission

c. Hillsborough Arts Council

d. The ArtsCenter

Online classes are in session. There is a new team at the ArtsCenter – a new deputy director and director of youth programs. Plans are to hire someone for the capital campaign. Goals are sited on racial equity and being more inclusive. Artist Jermaine Powell has painted a new mural on the wall of Gray Squirrel Coffee.

e. Carrboro Arts

Check the town website for information.

f. Visitor's Bureau

The Colonial Inn in Hillsborough will host a soft opening in November. A new rep from the board is needed.

g. OCAG

The 2020 tour is virtual with in-person studio visits by appointment only.

VII. Advocacy/Other updates

West End Poetry Festival in Carrboro is this weekend.

Fred adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted, Delia Keefe, OCAC Secretary