

## Orange County Arts Commission

### January 2023 Minutes

**Attendees:** Fred Joiner, Josh Rosenstein, Anita Mills, Chair, Saba Jordan, Linda Williamson, Sec, John Bemis, Krista Bremer, Crystal Wu, Vice Chair, Katie Murray, Sean Bailey

*Meeting at Eno Mill*

Call to Order by Board President, Anita Mills at 6:34pm

- 1) Krista proposed a motion and Saba seconded to recognize Fred and his wonderful job as our board chair for the last three years. Fred played a big part of making Eno Mill happen. His artistic vision and experience as an artist have been instrumental in the accomplishments of our organization.
- 2) Approval of November 2022 Board Minutes - John moved and Crystal seconded. All were in favor of approving.
- 3) Katie reported that the Board of County Commissioner (BOCC) updated two Advisory Board policies and determined they will look at policies every two years.
  - a. Attendance - There will no longer be a difference between excused and unexcused absences. Also, board members should be removed from the board if they miss more than three meetings in a year. Katie will send an email in writing to notify everyone of these updates and will clarify if the removal is on the 4<sup>th</sup> miss or the 3<sup>rd</sup> miss.
  - b. Virtual Meetings – BOCC approved the use of virtual meetings for non-emergency times. Our board decided to continue in person meetings since all agreed it is the much preferred method of meeting. However, if anyone is sick, traveling, or has an issue with getting to the meeting, they can attend virtually by contacting Katie in advance for a link.
- 4) Board updates
  - a. Welcome to Josh Rosenstein – All are excited for Josh to join the board and the connections he brings from the Chapel Hill Arts Commission. He will serve as liaison with that group. Josh is a standup comedian and musician. He leads an open mic night at Zogs and other places. His day job is non-profit financial management.

- b. Update on pending and potential incoming board members:
  - i. Jenny Schultz (ArtsCenter) – still in the works for approval to the board due to Durham residency, but working at a key arts organization in Orange County
  - ii. Denise Duffy (Music Maker Relief Foundation) -Katie hasn't heard back yet
  - iii. Upcoming vacancy (Marlon Torres) – be thinking about possible candidates to fill this opening.
  - iv. UNC Student Liaison – have a potential candidate who would start next academic year.
- c. New member orientation – Katie will schedule one for new members.

## 5) Director's Report Katie Murray

### a. Grants

- i. ARPA – American Rescue Money from the State – we will be opening another grant review cycle, which should open this month with approximately \$30,000.
- ii. Arts Educators- We discussed our professional development grants for art educators that has a budget of \$2000. In the past, we gave awards around \$250 to all that applied. Last year, we awarded smaller grants to a larger applicant pool. Board discussed that it would be more impactful to award larger amounts even if it means fewer arts educators receive grants. However, we need to figure out how to make the information on the applications allow us to differentiate between applicants, but also not be too burdensome to complete. The board gave Katie suggestions on topics for questions and offered to edit the application after Katie drafts.
- iii. Eno Mill Update
  1. CALL OPEN: From the Ground Up (Black/Indigenous) closes Friday – Fred is curating. Please share call.
  2. We need volunteers for new programs to work the bar:
    - a. Weave and Spin open Mic – opens Wednesday.
    - b. 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday Songwriting night - \$25 ticket.
  3. BIPOC Residency – up and running. The artist moved in last week and will be in residency for a year.
  4. LGBTQ Teen Arts Collective funded for one year.
  5. OCAA – board is very small, but fabulous.
    - a. Need board members of color – think about possible participants.
  6. UPROAR – press release and call going out this week. Fund raising time for UPROAR and Big Night In. Katie was going to

hire someone to coordinate this work, but funds could not be earmarked for this activity. Need help to fundraise from this group. We need close to \$60,000.

- a. Katie will have a giving pyramid created and distributed to us.

6) Liaison Reports

a) **UNC Student Liaison** – no update

b) **Chapel Hill Cultural Arts Commission** - Josh Rosenstein updated they have a new council town board liaison, and they are undergoing a name change, which aligns the commission more closely with the Library division. New Poet Laurette determined and press release coming out. The Commission is working on a standardized approach for the Town to evaluate and award non-profit funding.

c) **UNC Arts update** - Crystal Wu reported that it is the first day of class at UNC so events are starting back. The Ackland Art Museum has two new exhibitions, the Department of Communication has Swain Hall that is available as a black box theater. Open house tours by appointment only last week in January. Carolina Performing Arts launched an Athletic x Arts campaign. Hong Kong Ballet: Romeo + Juliet – January 20 and 21, Jen Shyu: Zero Grasses: Ritual for the Losses – January 27 and 28 at 8 pm, and PlayMakers Rep opens Hamlet January 25.

d) **Hillsborough Arts Council** John Bemis reported that this year's solstice walk, which added a holiday market was even better and more successful than previous years. The event also raised money for the Arts Council.

e) **The ArtsCenter** no update

f) **Carrboro Arts** – no update

g) **Visitor's Bureau** – Katie is presenting Uproar next month

h) **Orange County Artists Guild** – Guild just completed its survey to members to get feedback on the 2022 tour. Anita will share the results with us.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50pm