

Orange County Arts Commission

June 12, 2023 Minutes

Attendees: Anita Mills, Pres, John Claude Bemis, Lindsay Metivier, Fred Joiner, Josh Rosenstein, Saba Jordan, Linda Williamson, Sec, Krista Bremer, Crystal Wu, Vice Chair, Katie Murray, Denise Duffy, Gideon Young, Marc Miller

Absent: Sean Bailey,

Meeting Location: Peel Gallery, 708 W. Rosemary St, Carrboro, NC

1. Call to Order at 6:40 by Anita Miller after brief introductions
2. Katie welcomed our new advisory board members:
 - a. Gideon Young
 - b. Marc Miller
3. Crystal moved that April 2023 Board Minutes be approved, and Lindsey seconded. All approved.
4. Board updates Katie Murray
 - a. Updates
 - i. Jenny Schultz-Thomas – appointment should move forward at the June 2023 BOCC meeting since policy was approved.
 - ii. Sadie Allen, UNC liaison nomination, will also go to June meeting
 - b. Board Orientation late July – TBD
5. FY23-24 Grants Cycle Katie Murray
 - a. FY24 Funding - “outside agency” funds that were provided last year and this year have been reduced due to county decisions so total grant budget is \$74,000. The Board’s understanding is that Kidzoo will be funded with these removed funds directly by outside agency without any grant review process. Motion to prepare a draft letter to BOCC to express our concern over the funding changes for arts organization was seconded and approved.
 - b. Multicultural requirement will be harder to reach this year due to money’s going to staffing and the lack of multicultural arts organizations. Good volume of multicultural artists, but not organization.
 - c. Panel Dates:
 - i. Literary Arts: Wed. July 19, 6-9pm at the EAM
 - ii. Visual Arts: Wed., July 26 & Thurs., July 27; 6-9pm at the EAM
 - iii. Performing Arts: Tuesday Aug 1 & Wed Aug 2; 6-9pm at the EAM
 - iv. Financial – Josh, Mark, Denise & Linda TBD
 - d. Guest panelists – Katie will review applications to determine the best specialties for the guest panelists.
6. Director’s Report Katie Murray
 - a. Upoar presentation – Katie reviewed Upoar plans. Asked all board members to put 7/14 and 8/12 on their calendars for the opening and closing events.
 - b. Upcoming events
 - i. Weave & Spin featuring Ross White on Wednesday
 - ii. Juneteenth: Portraits of Freedom on Saturday, 2-6pm in partnership with Renee Price and a lot of other sponsors.
 - c. Community Dark Room – Katie asked for board input regarding a community dark room. Equipment donated from the Arts Center, and we are lined up to move it to the Eno Mill. Katie is now questioning whether we should really commit resources to this space vs other arts need. Board thought Katie should move forward with getting equipment and storing it since there is a need for this type of space in community.
 - d. Office of Equity & Human Rights mural/Juneteenth -- Katie was informed that there is a second County Juneteenth program going on in Hillsborough earlier in the day than the arts related one we are assisting

with for Renee Price. Katie is trying to coordinate with the Office, but hasn't been successful. A new mural of Pauli Murray from the Office of Equity & Human Rights is in the works without any kind of artists call or process. Katie offered her assistance with the process and was told she was not needed since everything was already approved. Fred offered to go with Katie to meet with the new County diversity officer to discuss our board and the types of initiatives we pursue and work with. Katie will be creating a county-wide public arts best practice document. Discussion on the board about how to connect more with Countywide initiatives and integrate the Arts advisory board.

- e. Countywide DEIA Program with Aisha Adams – Anita recommended a separate Board retreat to unpack and discuss diversity and DEIA. Board agreed.
- f. Summer Camp has started. Katie needs camp assistance to work with the camps to assist instructors as needed. Katie will send around a volunteer email with times and a sign-up link.

7. Liaison Reports

- UNC Student Liaison Update – no update
- Chapel Hill Cultural Arts Commission – Josh said his commission doesn't meet during the summer and he updated us on various upcoming arts events.
- UNC – Crystal reported that events on campus are slower due to post graduation/summertime, and she updated the board on arts events that are happening.
- Hillsborough Arts Councils – John reported that the arts council is "in the thick of it" with Last Friday events.
- The ArtsCenter - nothing
- Carrboro Arts – nothing
- Visitor's Bureau – Katie let us know how supportive the Visitor Bureau has been over Uproar. Board recommended to send a thank you to the Visitor Bureau.
- Orange County Artists Guild – Anita reported that the Guild just concluded registration for the studio tour and 90 artists have applied.

6) Board member updates – board members shared updates with activities and events they are associated with.

7) Anita ended the meeting at 8:05pm.