
Minutes

- 1) Call to Order at 6:37pm. Crystal Wu

Board members present: Denise Duffy, John Bemis, Renee Hayes, Lindsay Metivier, Heather Washburn, Katie Murray, Linda Williamson, Crystal Wu, Gideon Young, Josh Rosenstein, and Wendy Smith.
Board members absent: Francesca Talenti and Krista Bremer
- 2) Approval of June and July Board Minutes with two corrections Crystal Wu

Moved to approve – by Denise. Heather seconded. All in favor.
- 3) Board updates Katie Murray
 - a) Alexander Gast will start in September. Ashley Nissler is pending appointment by BOCC.
 - b) Katie reached out to Johnathan Hamiel about board service.
- 4) Updates: Katie Murray
 - a) Uproar Update – Uproar is going really well! Thank you to everyone that has been helping and a shout out to Linda for her work as the Volunteer Coordinator. Lots of great press and attention. Triangle Blog folks raised \$1600 for Uproar with \$500 for the artist who had their car towed. We do have some volunteer spots open for the 16th and 23rd weekends so spread the word!
 - b) Mill Update – Katie spoke with Frank Gaylor, who is the owner of the Mill. They are not starting the rebuild until we get through hurricane season. They would not have the support they need for the Mill if a hurricane hit our area. Estimated early 2026 reopening. Katie is going to use this time to evaluate how the Art Commission can pace themselves better and be more efficient. Art Classes are still going on at alternate locations. Paint it Orange will be hosted at Tom Stevens' Gallery. Team will keep working at the Revere Road location for now. Heather offered her services as an architect when the Eno Arts Mill is going through the re-opening process.
 - c) Relief efforts have raised over \$60,000 for artist impacts from Chantal. Katie will be working with the Alliance board to start the process to disburse funds.
 - d) Katie reported that the Eno Mill studio and galleries did break even for fiscal year 2025 (ended June 30). Also first year we made a little bit of money on the Summer Camps. (1st year lost money, 2nd year broke even). Katie was able to pay the teachers that were scheduled to work the week Chantal hit.
 - e) August "Common Good" Event – Arts Center is hosting for us. Sixty-five artists donated 150 works of art. 1/3 will be on display at the Arts Center, rest showing online. The auction is online. Lots of events are happening around the area to raise Chantal relief funds.
- 5) Grants Katie Murray
 - a) FY26 APG & GAP funding discussion – Katie explained the scoring rubric for each group of applicants. The board thoroughly reviewed the panel scores and discussed funding options.
 - i) APG: Josh made a motion that was seconded to accept the funding scenario that funded 100% of the application for scores of 80 or above and then 75% of the application for scores 70% to 79%. All approved.
 - ii) GAP: Denise made a motion to accept funding scenario 4 that the board reviewed. It awarded applications based on a 90%/75%/60% breakdown. Gideon seconded. All Approved
- 6) Liaison Reports - no updates this meeting
- 7) Crystal adjourned the meeting at 7:54 pm