

Harford Cultural Arts Board Meeting
August 1, 2022
Liriodendron

Present: Bill Rothenberg, Gigi Devaney, Sierra Keys, Christina McLoughlin, Jessica Cleaver, Chuck Bowden, Heidi Neff Chuffo, Wendy Roberts, Angie Sokolov, Chris Depkin, Emily Fadgen

Not in attendance: Peter McCallum, Karen Heppen, Elizabeth Stevens, Erin Whipple

Consent Agenda

Approve - Previous Month's Meeting Notes. Bill Rothenberg moved to approve. Sierra Keys seconded. Approved unanimously

Accept - Financial Summary and Reports

Harford Living Treasure

Chaplin Hubble – This nomination states “He is on file with the historical society as a Harford County living treasure.” Jessica will confirm that this is the case.

Grantmaking

Art in Education Applications

- Request to have more time for review. When possible, Jessica will send them earlier. They do not need to arrive until the 25th of each month, so the turnaround might be tight.
- B4 Youth Theatre - Extensive board discussion ensued. Jessica will reach out for clarification and documentation regarding which artists are eligible (a full list of Maryland artists and amounts, resume artist info of Maryland artists.) She will then send responses to us in an email.
- Carpe Diem - Extensive board discussion ensued. Angie moved that we fund the Carpe Diem retreat in the same amount of money we gave them last time (\$4,226) with a letter of explanation. Christina seconded. Unanimously approved.
- An Arts in Education Grant workgroup was formed.
 - Christina, Sierra, Emily.
 - Sierra is the point person for board member input.
 - Timeline: recommendations before October meeting.
 - Target date of January 1 updates.
- Marcia stepped off the board, so we have one vacancy
- Terms are up November 30. Members need to reapply if they wish to continue in this role. These applications will be given to the new county executive on December 1, who will appoint fifteen people to serve concurrent terms (through 2026).
- Current members serve until a replacement has been found.
- Nomination Committee – The terms for Board Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary serve for one year beginning at the end of the October meeting. Send your interest or recommendation for these offices to the Nomination Committee. They will create a slate after talking to the nominated

people and it will be on the agenda at the October meeting. There is also information about the nominations in the packet. Bill, Gigi, and Chris will serve on this committee.

- If you miss three meetings in a row, you have resigned, unless the board excuses an absence. Erin Whipple has missed three meetings in a row. She has requested that the board pardon that. Heidi moved that we pardon Erin, Christina seconded. Unanimous. Jessica will pass on with a note of our appreciation for her constant thoughtfulness.

Meetings

Discussed a return to in-person meetings with a hybrid option for extenuating circumstances. The preference is to meet in person when possible.

Jessica will look into meeting space at the Abingdon library.

Jessica also noted that the library now offers free contactless printing. Print jobs can be uploaded from home.

Programming

Festivals

- Pride Festival – art exhibit 10/8
- Bel Air 9/18 (Sunday) Chuck and Angie will both be there whole day, but we still need more shifts.
- Havre de Grace 10/22-23 Heidi can take one day as main person but may not be able to do set-up breakdown, as she will also be helping with a student booth.

Angie will do a sign up genius for all the events.

Roundtable Discussion: Facilitate creative connections and utilize the arts to build community. Tabled until either October.

Upcoming meetings & other dates of note:

- No meeting in September
- Bel Air Festival for the Arts
- October 3 Board Meeting
- October 8: Upper Chesapeake Bay Pride Festival
- October 22 and 23: Havre de Grace Art Show
- November 7 Board Meeting
- December 5 Board Meeting

Adjourned 7:14 pm (Chuck moved, Gigi seconded.)