

Harford County Cultural Arts Board Zoom Meeting

Monday, February 7, 2022

Present: Chuck Bowden (Chairperson), Jessica Cleaver (Coordinator), Marcia Bailey, Chris Depkin, Gigi Devanney, Emily Fadgen, Karen Heppen, Christina McLoughlin, Heidi Neff Chuffo, Wendy Roberts, Bill Rothenbach, Angie Sokolov, Erin Whipple.

Absent: Peter McCallum

- The meeting was brought to order by Chuck Bowden at 6:05 p.m.
- We had a presentation from Angela Robertson and Bill Willenbrink about Harford County Arts Week
- The consent agenda addressed. This consisted of the January 3rd meeting minutes, a financial summary and updates and reports. Bill Rothenbach moved to approve these items and Christina McLoughlin provided the second. The consent agenda items were approved unanimously.
- The Harford Living Treasure Nomination was presented for Frank Marsden III. Bill Rothenbach moved to approve this nominee and Wendy Roberts provided the second. This motion was approved unanimously.
- We moved on to Discuss the Arts in Education Grant Applications. We started with the LASOS grant. Jessica told us that a few of the comments included; “seemed like a good event” “no resume for Artists” “Is it an underserved audience?” Emily definitely felt like it was an underserved community because it was mainly nonEnglish speaking people. Christina agreed. Heidi was concerned because Colleen Webster is on the approved artist list however, we don’t have resumes for the other participating artists. Jessica informed us that they missed the Grant Programming application, and that is why they applied for an Arts in education Grant. Karen has been to this event and thinks that it is a great event for the underserved. Jessica reminds us that as a board we voted to only fund for Maryland based artists. Heidi moves to fund this grant for Only the Maryland based Artists, Chris Seconds and the Board approved.
- The second Arts in Education Grant was for Ballet after Dark. We discussed that 5500 dollars for swag seemed like a lot. Chris was concerned that this grant might need a licensed therapist to be a part of the event. Emily commented and expressed that this event seems very well thought out and they Are a mental health organization so they know what they are doing. Chris motioned to approve and Elizabeth acted as the second and this grant was approved.

- Professional Development Grantmaking Proposals. We discussed if we can give money to an organization so that they can attend a professional development workshop, without having to vote every time. Chris was concerned, Do all organizations know about these opportunities. Jessica confirmed that she sends all the opportunities out to all our organizations. Christina brought up the point that there should be a limit on how much we give out for professional development. We all agreed on 4000. Karen made a motion to accept and give the workshop grant of \$99 to SSO. And to also approve these workshop grants without voting every time. Erin was the 2nd.
- We also voted to make it standard practice to refund board members for MD Arts Day. Angie made the motion to pass and Erin acted as the second.
- We already need to be thinking about Festival attendance for The Bel Air Arts Festival, the Havre de Grace Arts Festival, and the Pride Festival. We need to decide if we can commit to these events. We have always been present in the past. We decide to discuss more at the March meeting.
- The next meeting of the full Harford County Cultural Arts Board will be held on March 7, 2022. This meeting will be held virtually unless the current COVID-19 restrictions are rescinded. If this occurs, meetings will be held at the Bel Air branch of the Harford County Public Library.
- The meeting was formally concluded at 7:45 p.m. by Chuck Bowden.