

**Harford County Cultural Arts Board  
December 2, 2019 Agenda  
6:00 PM Exhibit Room  
Bel Air Branch of Harford County Public Library**

**Present: Chuck Bowden (Chairperson), Jessica Cleaver (Coordinator), Marcia Bailey, Pam Burton, Kelley Dilworth, Karen Heppen, Christina McLoughlin, Heidi Neff Chuffo, , Erin Whipple, Renee Johnson, Laura Ward-Moran**

**Absent: Peter McCallum, Wendy Roberts, Angie Sokolov (Vice Chairperson), Aurora Kahoe (legislative assistant for Councilman Chad Shrodes),**

6:00 Welcome

6:05 Consent Agenda

Meeting notes from November 2019

Monthly Financial Summary

Renee moved

Christina seconded

6:10 Community Arts Development Presentation, followed by Q & A

**Jeff King, Deer Creek Coffeehouse**

Throwback to coffee house from the village. About 90 people show up to each event. Folk music. 300 people on the mailing list. This is at a church. There are homemade baked goods. Non-alcoholic. Intimate listening room to present national/international recording artists. Singer songwriters of national acclaim. Ronnie Cox is coming next year (from Deliverance and other movies, a wonderful songwriter.) Very participatory. Couldn't do this without our grant.

How do you choose? Jeff King books after seeing them live. Not generally by committee.

How large is crowd? Trying to keep it small so that it stays intimate.

You reserve online and pay at the door. Suggested donation \$12/\$5. No one is turned away for inability to pay.

Programming is September through June.

Some stay Sunday morning to play at church.

**6:35 Maryland Arts Day February 13**

Arts advocacy day in Annapolis. Members from each county will meet with county delegates and promote whatever is on the forefront in their county. Great networking experience, but also to talk to our local representatives to make sure the arts are not forgotten in Annapolis.

How is this year different?

Maryland State Arts Council has enjoyed record funding increases in the last 5 years. We are now number 3 per capita funding in the country. That has allowed creativity grants and the greatly increased cad grants (community arts development, soon to be known as county arts development.) 145,000 for us this year. Will go up again in fiscal year 2021. This is because of a law that took 5% from the admission and amusement taxes goes to MSAC. Also Preservation of Cultural Arts Fund. These are the two reasons why this has gone up so much. This law is

sunsetting in 2021. These increases could end if no action is taken. The Maryland Citizens for the Arts will be working very hard to advocate for the preservation of these laws.

Also working hard to set aside a bill to set capital money aside for arts organizations.

Webinar, Tuesday, December 17 at 11 am.

Bottom line is this year is very important to the funding at the state level, which trickles down to the county level. All are encouraged to join and carpool together.

There was a discussion about getting a bus together for students to go to the advocacy day. For colleges or other schools. People are looking for personal stories.

## **6:45 Coordinator's Corner**

### **Updates on Grantmaking**

Arts in education grants.

Everyone, declined and approved, have been contacted. This all went well. Even the ones that were declined...Jessica was able to have positive conversations about what we might be able to fund in the future.

BMA ticket cost? There was no ticket cost. It was a suggested donation.

The library has free passes for the Reginald Museum in Baltimore and we could support the transportation.

There may be some resubmissions.

Updated Arts in Education Guideline were passed out

### **Organizational Grants**

For the organizational grants, there are formal reports from last fiscal year to read. All are encouraged to read them. We did not receive a final report from the Maryland conservatory of Music, which is a concern.

HCC did not sign the contract. The deadline is Friday.

### **Programming**

“Board excellence workshop”—bring this to Harford county and invite or require organizations to attend. Jessica will explore and we can make a decision in January.

### **Outreach**

By in large the same group of organizations get these grants. Who should we be reaching out to? People who already do arts programming, but also possibly organizations that might do some arts programming. Send thoughts in email or by phone to Jessica before January.

Anywhere that has spaces...possibly other religious organizations, similar to the Darlington Episcopal Church

Hosanna Museum Juneteenth Celebration is arts-saturated

**December events**

Jessica passed out a list of upcoming events.

Adjourned at 7:14.

**Next meeting date: January 6, 2019**

**Bel Air Library Upstairs Meeting Room**

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Maryland State Arts Council