

Harford County Cultural Arts Board
Mezzanine Level Conference Room
Bel Air Branch Harford County Public Library
Monday, January 7, 2019

Present: Chuck Bowden (Chair), Pam Burton, Jessica Cleaver (Coordinator), Kelley Dilworth, Karen Heppen, Peter McCallum, Jared Noe, Amy Riley, Angie Sokolov, Laura Ward-Moran. In addition, Aurora Kahoe, a legislative assistant for Harford County Councilman Chad Shrodes, was in attendance.

Absent: Natasha Jackson, Todd Mion, Larry Noto, Julie Ter Borg.

- The meeting was brought to order by Chuck Bowden at 6:08 p.m..
- Either Aurora Kahoe or Councilman Chad Shrodes will attend all future meetings of the Harford County Cultural Arts Board.
- The consent agenda was the first meeting item addressed. This consisted of the following topics—the December 3, 2018 meeting minutes and the most current financial summary. Karen Heppen inquired if there was a plan to allocate the remaining grant funds and Jessica replied in the affirmative. Karen Heppen moved that the consent agenda be approved and Jared Noe seconded the motion. This motion was approved unanimously.
- Jessica Cleaver announced that representatives from the Maryland Arts Council will present at the February 4, 2019 meeting of the Harford County Cultural Arts Board. Thee representatives are Ken Skrzysz, Executive Director and Steven Skerritt-Davis, Program Director.
- Jessica Cleaver has communicated on several occasions recently with organizations receiving grants that still have **tasks outstanding to be completed**. For each organization she has outlined specific tasks that need to be completed as well as “next steps.” Some organizations have responded and begun to comply but there are still some that, despite repeated communication from Jessica, have not. Karen Heppen moved that another email and letter be sent to the non-responding organizations stating that the tasks outstanding must be addressed by January 31, 2019 or grant funds will be forfeited. Jared Noe seconded this motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- Jessica Cleaver stated that she has been informed by the County Executive’s Office that it is hoped that the reappointments for the Harford County Cultural Arts Board will be completed sometime during February, 2019.
- The Maryland Arts Council will be doing some filming this winter and spring with some possible sites being considered in Harford County.

- The Harford County Cultural Arts Board Programming Subcommittee members will be Jessica Cleaver, Kelley Dilworth, Amy Riley, Peter McCallum, and Julie Ter Borg. The date of this subcommittee's initial meeting will be forthcoming.
- June 6, 2019 will be serve as the pre-conference for the Maryland Arts Council Summit that will be held from June 6-8, 2019.
- As a community outreach initiative, Jessica Cleaver is working to establish a meeting between the Harford County Cultural Arts Board and the Harford County Council of PTA's. She will be a speaker at the May meeting of this organization.
- Jessica Cleaver has a meeting with representatives from the Harford County Public Schools and AEMS the week of January 14-18, 2019.
- Amy Riley summarized the key points from a meeting she attended recently with the Harford County Education Foundation. The president of that organization, Deborah Merlock, is seeking organizations who will collect art supplies for low-income students and schools. The Harford County Education Foundation also sponsors grants for arts integration initiatives. Another aim of this organization is to collect \$1000.00 to support teachers with implementing cross-curricular connections.
- The following Harford County artists/organizations were discussed for consideration to be highlighted as "Shine a Light On" exemplars for the Kaleidoscope show: Bel Air community Band; Kondwani Fidel, Poet; Arts by the Bay Gallery in Havre De Grace; Deer Creek Coffee House; Step Troupe; Musicland's Wednesday "open mike" nights; and the Fire and Ice Festival.
- Kelley Dilworth moved and Karen Heppen seconded to adjourn the meeting. Following a unanimous vote, Chuck Bowden adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m... The next regularly-scheduled meeting of the Harford County Cultural Arts Board will be held on Monday, February 4, 2019.