

Harford County Cultural Arts Advisory Board
Bel Air Branch Harford County Public Library
Mezzanine Level Conference Room
February 4, 2019 Minutes

Advisory Board members in attendance: Chuck Bowden, Amy Riley, Angie Sokolov, Todd Mion, Pam Burton, Jessica Cleaver (Coordinator)

Guests: Mary Hastler, HCPL CEO; Wendy Roberts; Aurora Kahoe, Legislative Aide to Councilman Chad Shrodes; Heidi Neff; Ken Skrzysz, MSAC Executive Director; Steven Skerritt-Davis, MSAC Program Director

Absent: Kelley Dilworth, Karen Heppen, Natasha Jackson, Pete McCallum, Jared Noe, Larry Noto, Laura Ward-Moran

The meeting was commenced at 6:00 pm by Chair Chuck Bowden.

Introductions

Consent agenda was not approved due to lack of quorum

Aurora Kahoe from Harford County Council

Council has requested Cultural Arts Advisory Board “slow down appointment of Harford Living Treasures” because the County Council doesn’t want to give it to as many people. They ask that it only go to “pillars of the community,” just because they have done lot doesn’t necessarily mean they are major contributors to the County

Maryland States Arts Council Conversation - Ken and Steven

The main goal of the Maryland State Arts Council is to make sure every citizen in the State has a robust access to the Arts! They just completed a grants program revision process – for Grants for Organizations. They gave 14.7 million to 501c3 arts organizations last year. They will also be revising Independent Artists awards, Arts in Education, Touring Programs, County Arts Council Program, also known as Community Arts Development program

Looking at applications for Grants for Organizations program, they found -

- In the past...People were responding to: Defined Audiences or defined communities NOT geographic areas
- So, now asking - Does the board/ staff reflect the demographic... is it what people want and need

- 1st revised applications back... so far very good responses. Challenging people to ask questions of their organization
- The Council is really trying to create state wide equality.... also ease of application.... Application should be easy so money can be distributed

Professional development opportunities -- they will respond to requests

Maryland Arts Summit

- First Ever! First weekend in June at UMBC - for all aspects of arts community, especially County Arts Councils
- Chuck brought up June is hard for educators to get to Arts summit... Answer-This is more for Art Administrators

Creativity Grants

- New - 3 questions \$1000-3500 grants
- for small organizations under \$50,000 or independent artists...
- for project grants...
- on a rotating basis...
- approved within 60 days

The Revision for Community Arts Development Grants are coming up -they want the Counties to feel supported. Looking to create benchmarks to encourage equality across the counties in Maryland.

Ken & Steven responded to questions about guidelines in place for Arts in Education Grants within the Community Arts Development program.

1. Programs may NOT use funds that are either directly or indirectly part of the school curriculum??? This language is super confusing... ANSWER: this means is the Grant should not pay for what the school SHOULD pay for. Curriculum is a dangerous word... delete first line on our website. The Goal of the Grants should be to...expand the experience for teacher and student NEW LANGUAGE---- EXPANDE/ENHANCE
2. We CAN give grant money for Equipment, Materials, Productions, and Art Supplies! (Just has to be project specific)
3. Lastly... "programs presented by organizations receiving general operating support from the Harford County Cultural Arts Board" This means no double dipping
4. Can we give Grant money for D.C. Museums? Answer- Yes only ONLY for the cost of Transportation. Grant money cannot be used for cost of the museum or performance ticket if outside of Maryland
5. Can we give Grant money for programming by Non Maryland based Artists? Answer- NO, not at all MUST BE MD based.

Arts in Education Grant Money should be given for things *Beyond their usual scope of programming*
One thing for sure...connect arts educators with teaching arts to enhance programs!!! So important....we need to help teachers!!!

Here are some resources if we need help finding Maryland Based Artists

- Maryland Music Education Association...Instate high level professionals
- Maryland Theatre Ed
- Maryland Art
- Maryland Dance

Community Arts Development General Operating Grants

- Instruction...not programming...are they Arts organizations? Answer...exclude classes and instruction, essentially if there is tuition no grant eligible!!!

Updates

Membership

- Julie Ter Borg has resigned
- New appointments are expected in February

Programming

- Arts gathering shifting from Spring to fall

Grants

- Interim reports released soon
- Applications for FY20 to be released in March in hopes that funding announcements will be made over the summer