

Harford County Cultural Arts Board

Zoom Meeting

Monday, June 6, 2022

Present: Chuck Bowden (Chairperson), Jessica Cleaver (Coordinator), Chris Depkin, Gigi Devaney, Emily Fadgen, Karen Heppen, Sierra Keys, Peter McCallum, Christina McLoughlin, Heidi Neff Chuffo, Wendy Roberts, Bill Rothenbach, and Angie Sokolov.

Absent: Marcia Bailey, Elizabeth Stevens, Erin Whipple.

- The meeting was brought to order by Chuck Bowden at 6:07 p.m..
- The consent agenda was addressed and it consisted of the following three items—the May 2, 2022 meeting minutes, updates/reports, and the most current financial summary. Karen Heppen moved to approve these items and Peter McCallum provided the second. The consent agenda items were approved unanimously.
- Jessica Cleaver provided the three FY23 Community Arts Development Grants panels with an opportunity to revisit their respective grants for review. This was accomplished by organizing the three panel subgroups into distinct breakout rooms so their discussion could focus on their specific grants. Following an approximate time allotment of fifteen minutes, the three panel subgroups reconvened as the larger Board to present their final recommendations for discussion and an eventual vote. After completing the presentations by the three panel subgroups that involved extensive discussions, Peter McCallum made the following motion that was seconded by Emily Fadgen: all of the FY23 Community Arts Development Grant requests will be funded as recommended with the exception of the Upper Chesapeake Chorus of the Sweet Adelines. If this organization responds to the Board's clarification request it will receive partial funding of \$1,400.00 and a lack of response will result in no funding. This motion passed unanimously.
- Jessica Cleaver presented two additional grant requests for funding consideration: Bel Air High School and the Havre de Grace Colored School Museum Wine & Jazz Fest. The Bel Air High School grant request was not considered due to the nature of what was submitted. Christina McLoughlin moved that our Board fund the cost of the entertainment for the Havre de Grace Colored School Wine & Jazz Fest. Karen Heppen provided the second and this motion passed unanimously.
- Karen Heppen moved to continue to waive the matching fund requirement for FY 23 Arts in Education grant requests. Christina McLoughlin provided the second. This motion passed unanimously.
- Bill Rothenbach suggested that a small work group be formed to study how future Arts in Education grant requests will be funded. That group is to report its recommendations to the larger Board along with an initial vision and specific strategies.

- The next meeting of the full Harford County Cultural Arts Board will be held on August 8, 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 the Harford County Public Library unless another location is designated.
- The meeting was formally concluded at 8:37 p.m. by Chuck Bowden.