

Minutes of December 7, 2017 HPAAC board meeting 6:30 pm Tilden
Community Center

Members present: Kathleen Hanson, Alicia Plevell, Char Vick, Ann
Sylvander, Dick Graham, Jen Fox Bill Spinelli, Diane Saed, Deb Saunders,
Scott Northard

1. The minutes of the September 28th, 2017 board meeting were read and the Treasurer's report was given. Currently there is 71,994.00 in combined checking and savings accounts. Approximately 18000.00 was made at the 2017 gala. Both the minutes and treasurer's report were approved with a motion by Char Vick and second by Diane Saed.
2. On Friday, December 8, 2017 a Meet and Greet with Artspace residents will be held at the new Artspace building. Board members will bring drinks and food for the gathering.
3. Bill Spinelli and Jen Fox from the Program Committee reported on several events and activities:
 - a. Artober was a little disappointing in some respects, but it was a good start to an annual event. The "Carry On Cohort", made up of board members and supporters, is scheduled to meet on Thursday, January 4, 2018 at Tilden Community Center.
 - b. The Spark program, a combination of the YMCA, Hastings Community Ed, Hastings Park and Rec, United Way and HPAAC will be in charge of the 2018 program. HPAAC will fund the program. Jen Fox will work closely with Sarah Lawrence and Amy Rowen. A separate program of special events will be organized by Elizabeth Carroll and Allen Saunders in both Prescott and Hastings.
4. Bill Spinelli reported on the Arts Lab experience. So far, there have been two retreats and several on-line workshops. In February, the results of the market research conducted by MN Citizens for the Arts will be presented. Dick and Bill will plan an appropriate time and place to announce the findings.

5. Ann Sylvander reported that not as many people have visited the Orange Dragon this fall. Ann and Libby Ungar will step down on December 31, 2017. A task force of 8 people is meeting to determine the future of the Orange Dragon and will report back soon. Dick Graham recommended that the HPAAC board hold a special meeting in January 2018 to talk possibilities with Orange Dragon.
6. The annual meeting will be held in March 2018. At the annual meeting there will possibly be 5 new board members. The agenda will include:
 - a. Setting priorities for 2018
 - b. Approving the budget
 - c. Approving a plan for board training
 - d. The Nominating Committee needs to be formed and begin work on appointing new board members.
7. The Hastings Public Arts Commission has requested that an HPAAC board member participate in their commission.
8. A drum and bugle corps has sent a request to HPAAC via Mayor Paul Hicks to find a home in Hastings. Dick Graham will work on this.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Saunders