

## Minutes for HPAAC Board meeting Thursday, February 22, 2018

### Art Space Lofts

Members present: Dick Graham, Char Vick, Ann Sylvander, Libby Ungar, Diane Saed, David Warg, Jen Fox. Guests: Estrella Flores, Art Space Lofts Liaison, Robin & Jeff, Arts Progress Inc.

1. Dick Graham called the meeting to order. The minutes of the January 25, 2018 board meeting were read by Diane Saed. Motion to approve the minutes by Libby Ungar, seconded by Jen Fox.
2. There was significant discussion regarding the position of manager or director of the Orange Dragon, centering on whether that person would be an employee/manager or an independent contractor, and whether or not we needed to “post” the position. Further legal opinion will be sought.
3. Dick commented that Natasha is doing a great job as our accountant, and that Deb is vital in helping that process along. Jen Fox requested a check/audit of scholarship monies designated at this time. Ten scholarship requests have been received for this year so far.
4. It was noted that Building Bridges Program received \$1000 toward funding the Black Out Theater group. Volunteers may be needed as drivers etc. More conversations to follow.
5. Libby noted that ODAG board has some strong candidates for managing the gallery, and the ODAG board is proceeding with that process.
6. Char, Dick, and Jen summarized the recruitment efforts for new board members. Some excellent candidates are being selected and recruited, with the final list to be announced at the April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. New board members will go through orientation, and workshops prior to coming on the board; Jeff and Robin will be consulted during this process.
7. Discussion ensued regarding the suggestion by Mayor Hicks that the Hastings City Council would be willing to place an arts component in their upcoming budget. Dick will pursue this issue with Mayor Hicks, and Melanie. Dick also commented at the outstanding job Sheila Smith did at the city council meeting on Tuesday night--- highlighting the huge economic impact that the arts has in Hastings and Dakota County as well as the state of Minnesota.
8. Estrella Flores (Art Space Lofts) announced that the Dedication Grand Opening of the Lofts will be held Thursday, May 3. 5:00-9:00. Artist lofts will be open to the public and there will be refreshments along with a cash bar. VIP guests will be invited for 4:30.
9. Jen Fox reported that SPARK Summer Arts Program for kids will be held at Our Saviors (one venue rather than many). Five events are planned for June 11-17, 11:30-2:30, lunch included. Alan Saunders will direct the program.
10. Dick Graham adjourned the meeting. Seconded by Diane Saed

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diane Saed.