

Manchester Arts Commission

April 14, 2016

Members in attendance: Jo-Ann Dorn (out 6:01), Nick DuBaldo, Cathy Thrall, Nico Arias, Robert Laughlin, Jane Rainwater, Pasqua Guzzi, Jana Tierney,

Robert calls the meeting to order at 5:40.

Motion to approve the March 10 minutes made by Joann, Jana seconds. All approve, Jane, Nico, Robert abstain.

Motion to approve the agenda,

New Business:

- State of the Arts - Jane mentions that the speaker was excellent, the attendance was good, there was some good Q&A session following her talk. Jane also feels that we would be able hold the event at the Dehn Gallery if we would like to do so in upcoming years; a budget would be necessary and advance planning would be required. Both she and Robert spread the event through digital means. It would be nice to consider a better evite than the eventbrite invitation we used this year. There were issues with the organization and implementation of sharing and adding people to this event. Jana likes the idea of holding it in a more arts-appropriate location like the Dehn. Cathy would really like to make sure that the general public feels welcome to attend and do so. Jo Ann came away with the feeling that the speaker was fabulous, but it was the lack of other displays and speakers that were lacking and possibly making it a biennial event rather than annual. Jana would like to see an event committee to help assist these productions to make them noticeable. Robert has an idea for the idea book regarding this: could we have some discussion groups ahead of time, still have the event in the evening, but prior to the event, allow for a more effective mingling and art-problem solving or other open-listening workshop for people to participate in. Out of those groups, perhaps someone could be chosen to speak about their findings at the event.

- Hall of Fame (June 16) - Jane will make a suitable invitation and will make a Facebook event.

- Troubadour Event - We are still waiting to hear back from the Road Race Committee about permission to plan on a Road Race composition. Nick is working with Dan Thompson to arrange with other State and former State Troubadours on a joint concert in Center Park.

- Media & Marketing - Jana suggests 4 sentence bios on the commissioners. Robert is still spreading around any and all information and event that comes his way via Facebook. His survey for State of the Arts didn't receive much in the way of response.

- Youth Commission Appointee - awaiting an update from Jon Carlo.

- We still need to acquire a template for the annual report

Robert inquires about past (outside) events. Cathy really enjoys the current exhibit at the Dehn as well as the program, ticketing and setting for Theaterworks. Jane attended a high-end auction and theater production inside a museum which was quite entertaining. She also recommends the Salvador Dali exhibit.

There being no further business Jane motions to adjourn at 6:25 Pasqua seconds, all approve.