

Las Vegs Arts Council Board

Minutes of December 11, 2018 Meeting at Montezuma Inn and Suites

Officers Attending: Donna Rivas, Richard Lindeborg, Joe McCaffrey

Directors Attending: Linda Anderle, Frank Beurskens, Roxanne Gonzales, Janet Remenyik,

Ex Officio: Susie Tsyitee

Called to order by Donna at 6:40 p.m.

Richard volunteered to prepare the minutes for this meeting.

MSP approval of November 11 minutes.

Reports

Executive Director: Has received a request for the RFP for operating Gallery 140 next year and provided the person with the current draft. Wants to work toward having a community-wide event for this years Fiber Arts Trail from Albuquerque through Taos to Mora and perhaps on to Las Vegas. The consensus of the board was to have a fiber arts show at Gallery 140 in May and to contact area fiber artists, sending them the application to participate in the Fiber Arts Trail. It was felt that this level of effort, plus any synergy it produced was a good initial effort to become part of this annual event.

Financial: Quick books should be in order by the end of the year. The accountant will need at least another 30 hours to complete her work. MSP to fund 30 hours at the usual rate (which is?). We can expect to receive information on the Las Vegas Community Foundation request for funding the Antonia Apodaca mural at Gallery 140 on December 15. (Prior to the meeting, David Rogers offered to help request additional funding for the Antonia Apodaca mural project from the New Mexico Music Commission Foundation, which recently honored Antonia Apodaca with its lifetime achievement award.)

For 2018 the People's Faire will wind up with a surplus of about \$2,500 which will go for seed money for 2019. Missoula will wind up with an about \$1,400 shortage. MSP to cover the shortage out of the Gavahan fund. We have received about \$3,000 in membership renewals and sponsorships so far from our mailing. Our former accountant, John Goodwin, has declined to pay the \$900 in late filing penalties from the Attorney General's office. MSP that Susie continue with email and telephone interaction with the AG's office concerning abatement of the penalties.

Planning Task Force: The Task Force formed in August submitted its report on focusing the Council's efforts. Recommendations included continuing to concentrate on programs directly related to our mission, including Gallery 140, People's Faire, Missoula, Student Art Show and the Events Calendar. It questioned focusing too much of our resources on items not directly

related to these programs, such as securing funds for out of area marketing and non-art collaboration with other NGOs. Recommendations for increasing our emphasis included conducting a dedicated annual fundraising event; building a large, effective membership base; cultivating donors, sponsors and volunteers; and better maintaining our office systems. MSP to accept the Task Force's report with the board's thanks. (Full report on file).

Wid Slick's Financial Positioning Proposal: Board members expressed concerns about the proposal and a desire to have more clarity before acting on it. MSP to form a Task Force with Frank as leader to explore options and report back to the board at its February Meeting.

Board Appointments and Election

President Donna Rivas appointed Angela Meron and Adolfo Castillo to the board (replacing Jennifer Sanchez and Mark James Martinez) and joining Roxanne Gonzales in the Class of 2019

The board members present nominated and elected new members David Rogers and Anita Moss and returning members Frank Beurskens and Richard Lindeborg to the class of 2021. Anita and Paulina Alarcon, her Vista Volunteer in the Mora Arts and Cultural Compound, will share the duties. Janet Remenyik declined to be nominated for another term.

The Class of 2020 remains Donna Rivas, Joe McCaffrey, Linda Anderle and Bob Henssler.

Donna will send the newly appointed, elected, and re-elected board members a letter of welcome, announcing the next board meeting date and enclosing a membership form.

As a result of these actions there are now 11 members on the board, the maximum allowed under the current bylaws.

Donna led the board in expressing member's gratitude for Janet's many years of service including running People's Faire, Coordinating the public schools art show, serving as a gallery volunteer and many other activities. We will be forever grateful.

This was Donna's last monthly meeting as President, although she will chair the January meeting, which will include the election of officers for 2019.

Janet led the board in expressing gratitude to Donna for bringing a higher level of professionalism to the board, making many improvements in our operations and strengthening our relationships with the city, county and state governments.

Donna adjourned the meeting at 8:15

Our next meeting is on January 8, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. at the Montezuma Inn and Suites unless rescheduled by Donna.

Minutes Approved at the January 8, 2019 LVAC Board Meeting

