



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

### Cultural Affairs Commission

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Wednesday, February 15, 2017

5:00 PM

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#### A. Call To Order

*Call to order at 5:04pm*

**Present** 8 - MARY KLEHR, STEVEN MORGAN, Supervisor MARY KOLAR, RODERICK RITCHERSON, PAUL RUSK, MATT VELDRAN, ASHLEY ROBERTSON, and CHRISTIAN ALBOURAS

**Excused** 2 - CAROLE TRONE, and MARCIA MIQUELON

**Absent** 2 - DIANE EVERSON, and TRACY WILLIAMS-MACLIN

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

This was approved

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#### C. Action Items

#### D. Presentations

*Commissioners reviewed the Dane Arts Gallery Exhibit.*

#### E. Reports to Commission

*Subgroup Reports: Ex Committee, Grants, PR, Fundraising*

*Ex. Committee – Discussed holding a more proactive role in the wake of NEA's future, although Dane Arts is not funded by NEA. Also, discussed the possibility of combining the 40th anniversary of Dane Arts with a message about our support of the arts.*

*Grants – Morgan provided commissioners with an updated draft of the grants review rubric. Commissioners Morgan, Trone, and Carol Cohen are continuing to update this draft. Director Fraire and Commissioner Morgan gave feedback from the grant process meeting with three directors of the eight resident companies housed at the Overture Center for the Arts: Jen Uphoff Gray, Artistic Director Forward Theater, Kathryn Smith, Madison Opera General Director, and Samantha Crownover, Managing Director of Bach Dancing and Dynamite Society,..... Director Fraire will do an analysis based on past grant process data.*

*PR/Communications – Discussed Commissioners Miquelon and Robertson working with Director and Turner to brainstorm PR and event ideas for the 40th anniversary of Dane Arts.*

*Fundraising – Commissioner Everson provided Bluvus with a list of potential funders that Bluvus is currently researching.*

*Dane Arts Intern, Bluvus, provided a written report.*

*Director's Report- DAMA, DABL, Poster, Gallery, Kassel*

*Director gave highlights from his written report.*

**F. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

*March 15th at 5pm, April 5th (Commission Review), April 19*

*Chair for Panel Review Meetings: 3/9, 1:30-3:30 AIE, 3/13 Mult-VA, 3/14 Theater/DA, 3/15 music*

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**G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda**

*Commissioner Morgan attended the Boy Choir Festival (grant recipient.) The event had good feedback and Dane Arts was mentioned as a sponsor.*

*Commissioner Klehr attended the Willy Street Chamber event (grant recipient.) The Director reminded commissioners to mention that they are a Dane Arts commissioner when attending events that have been funded by Dane Arts.*

*Supervisor Kolar attended Forward Theater's performance, "Outside Mulligar" (grant recipient.)*

**H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law**

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**I. Adjourn**

*Adjourned at 6:23pm.*

**This was approved**

*The minutes were respectfully submitted by Taeli Turner.*