



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Cultural Affairs Commission

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

5:15 PM

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A. Call To Order

Chambers arrived at 5:19pm.

Brief introduction by new commission members, Chambers and Montoto.

Present 8 - CAROLE TRONE, DIANE EVERSON, Supervisor MARY KOLAR, RODERICK RITCHERSON, MATT VELDRAN, CHRISTIAN ALBOURAS, Supervisor SAMIE CHAMBERS, and Supervisor LUIS MONTOTO

Excused 2 - MARY KLEHR, and STEVEN MORGAN

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2017](#) August 16, 2017 Minutes

[MIN-277](#)

Attachments: [August 16, 2017 Commission Minutes](#)

All in favor.

C. Action Items

D. Presentations

Brenda Baker and Jennika Bastian on EUARACA 17

E. Reports to Commission

*Chair, Grants, PR, Fundraising, Director's report**Executive Committee*

Ritcherson and Fraire met with Chuck Hicklin on the Blockstein Grant. A past commissioner that was very involved in the arts and was remembered by the Blockstein Grant. There are no restrictions on how the funds are used. A new resolution has to be written that mentions the history of the funds and how they are to be used.

Recommendation that Fraire develops the resolution so that the commission can approve the language, which will then be passed along to the county board for approval.

Recommendation that a discussion happens to determine how the funds should be used towards the arts. Recommendation that something be named in her honor to create something that is long-lasting and remains in memory of Liesl Blockstein. Trone suggests using the funds towards an honorary mural.

The November meeting will be a planning meeting for the next year. The Executive Committee will continue to update the new member handbook.

Grants

Two panels have been completed and the music grant review will be rescheduled to next week. Anna is working on the full descriptions of each organization. Notes from grant panel reviews will be distributed to commissioners after the last grant panel review. Trone, Morgan, and Carol Cohen are continuing to improve the grant rubric. Trone suggest that the rubric be discussed and solidified at the November or December commission meeting during the off-season.

PR

Trone suggests adding a note to grant recipients to provide PR materials so that Dane Arts can share via social media, website and through marketing.

Fundraising

Ways to secure additional funding to be discussed at the November commission meeting. Trone suggests Fraire provides the commission with a list of potential funders that have been asked for funds. Everson suggests Georgine Poplin as a potential funder. Trone suggests looking beyond the county and researching Minnesota arts funding to see how they obtain their funds.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Sub Commission Grant Review - October 4, 2017 at 4:30pm

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda**H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law****I. Adjourn**

Adjourned at 6:39pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Taeli S. Turner.