

The Arts Guild of Old Forge, Inc.

Board of Director's Meeting

August 10, 2009

Minutes

**PRESENT:** Deb Carhart, Michele deCamp, Judy Foley, Patty Foley, Rex Germer, Gary Lee, Clark Lubbs, John Munyan, Katie Noonan, Debi Ritz, Joan Spring, Ed Stafford, Bob Stanton, Gordan Bashant, Advisory Council Member and Phoebe Green, Interim Executive Director

**EXCUSED:**

Deb Carhart, CAP-21

Deb presented a report reflecting recent actions CAP-21 has taken since our contract began several weeks ago. The status of outstanding grants was examined. The largest grant is the NYS Blueprint Funds (1.9 million available). The concern regarding that application, as per a conversation with the Empire State Development Agency, is the need for more stress on the community and economic development aspect. Deb asked if CAP-21 should resubmit for the NYS Blueprint Funds. The Board would like to reapply. With regards to local government funding, Deb asked the Board for information on our lobbyist. Phoebe will give the name to CAP-21. Ed Stafford listed a few of the previously discussed grant resources. Deb said that Julie did revisit some of those grant possibilities. Gordan Bashant mentioned the Oneida Indian Nation as a potential naming opportunity or something similar. We need confirmation in writing on the USDA loan guarantee. Congressman Arcuri and staff will be visiting our area on August 25th at 9:00 A.M. CAP-21 and Robert Moore, along with Art Center representatives, will meet with him regarding the New Building Project. Our message to him will be "Now or Never". Senator Seward will be in town for a general fundraiser on August 23rd. Senator Gillibrand's office may be scheduling a meeting with CAP-21 in Washington the second weekend in September. Debi Ritz and Deb Carhart will work on the Business Plan update together. Katie Noonan's Future's Committee did meet, but needed clarification on many items. Discussion ensued regarding the Business Plan update. Debi Ritz will email the Board the original Business Plan that was sent to us by the company that prepared the final document. This Business Plan Update Committee will meet at the Hemmer Cottage at 6:00 P.M. on August 12th. CAASA asked if we were interested in combining both groups for an Arts & Sciences Center. After some discussion we decided that we will revisit this idea in a year. Gordan questioned whether the money we owe Gaetano Construction Company is interest free. Not necessarily. All of the money we send the company is taken off the principal. More discussion took place regarding naming opportunities and bottom line finances.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Arts Guild of Old Forge, Inc. was called to order by President Patty Foley at 7:38 PM.

**CONSENSUS ITEMS:**

**Minutes:** Debi Ritz moved to approve the minutes of both of the July Board Meetings. Bob Stanton seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

**Finance:** Debi Ritz presented the Finance Report-General Operating, July 2009 in writing. She then presented the Finance Report-New Building, July 2009 in writing. Debi distributed a written report of the actual Finance Committee Meeting held on August 6, 2009.

Patty Foley discovered that since our membership is over 500, we can announce the Annual Meeting via a newspaper notice running for three weeks in a local newspaper.

John Munyan moved and Ed Stafford seconded a motion to accept the Financial Report. The motion passed.

Debi Ritz presented a resolution that in lieu of a judgment the board deliver to Gaetano a \$1,000,000 mortgage on the present Art Center building to be used as partial security for the balance owed. The Note & Mortgage will bear interest at 9%, which is the rate agreed upon in the contract. It will be due and payable on a date (hopefully 9/1/10) to be determined, but allowing time to raise funds needed to pay the outstanding bill. Gary Lee seconded the motion for this resolution. After much discussion, the Board decided to table the motion for needed clarification on the interest and due date.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Phoebe presented her Director's Report. She reported on the Building Fund, the private and public tours that have been given to various individuals and parties (60 people in the last 17 days), and the Face to Face outreach she has accomplished this week. At this point Clark Lubbs mentioned that WKTV would be making a visit to his place of employment later in the week. Can he promote the Art Center? Sure! John Munyan will help if need be. Phoebe continued with her presentation commenting on the staff, and the day-to-day operations of the center. We have received a request from HASCA for a contribution. Debi Ritz moved and Judy Foley seconded the motion that we donate \$100 to HASCA, if we can not find a record of a previous donation amount. Phoebe announced the upcoming performances and commented on the 156 tickets sold already for the House Tour. Each member received an updated address/phone list for the Board of Directors and one for the Advisory Council. A reception honoring Mirnie will be held on August 13th from 5:30-7:00 by the Kinderwood staff and board.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Membership:** There have been 162 renewed or new memberships in the month of July. Katie Noonan reviewed the Member-Get-A-Member Campaign. Let us capitalize on this for Public Relations!!

**35th Annual Antique Show:** The amount gleaned is approximately \$14,000. Some of the bills have not yet been received. More money was made this year than last year.

**Tennis Classic and Cocktail Party:** Money was made. We did better than last year. The report will be ready soon.

**ANEAW & Calendar:** Linda Weal is the contact person for this show. The opening is August 21st and everyone is asked to bring a hors d'oeuvre. John Munyan reported that the 2010 calendar went to the printer and should be here on time for the show. It will sell for \$14.00.

**House Tour:** The committee is ready to go on Saturday, August 15th.

**Quilt Show:** Everything is fine.

**Film Festival:** Katie reported that the brochure is proofed and a meeting will be held soon to finalize this event.

Debi Ritz asked for a consensus on the idea of hosting a Beer and Wine Festival next year. Everyone seemed to think this was a good idea. She also wanted to know if she could make the Dark Room into an office and rearrange the storage space this fall. No problem.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Michele deCamp announced the slate of officers for 2009-2010. They are as follows: President: John Munyan Vice President: Deb Carhart Secretary: Joan Spring/Katie Noonan Treasurer: Debi Ritz

Michele announced the new members of the Board of Directors. They include: Rex Germer, Clark Lubbs, Deb Carhart, Helene McAleese, Susan Hazard and Gary Lee. Patty Foley will have a seat on the Board as Past President.

Michele announced three candidates for Director Emerti. They include Deke Morrison, Carol Morrison and Michele deCamp.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Katie Noonan announced the two benefactors of the Enchanted Forest's Annual Car Races as the General Operating Fund for Kinderwood and the Kashiwa Matching Grant.

Everyone thanked Phoebe for her time and efforts over the past few weeks as Interim Executive Director.

Michele reported that the septic tank was pumped today. We will submit a water sample for evaluation. Gary reported that there is a hole in the roof which allows water to leak in the main space. He will fix it.

Ed presented four new members to the Advisory Council. They are Kerry Rogers, Katherine Huther, Kathleen Nathan and Carolyn Lawrence. Debi Ritz moved to accept these new members to the Advisory Council. Rex Germer seconded the motion. It was passed.

Executive Committee: Thursday, September 10th at 8:00 AM

Finance Committee: Thursday, September 10th at 9:00 AM

Rex Germer moved to adjourn the meeting. Debi Ritz seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM. ish.

The next regular Board of Director's meeting will be held on Monday, September 14, 2009 directly after the Annual Membership Meeting which will begin at 6:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Spring