



## **Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting**

**August 11, 2015**

Rick Rausch called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Board Members Present:** Rick Rausch, Robert Jones, Claire Leaman, Karl Hjerpe, Diane Gonzalez, Anne Giffels, Dee DeCarlo and Chris Huff

**Board Members Absent:** Chris Nelson, David Pfendler

A quorum is present. President and Secretary are present for the regular meeting.

**Others present:** Corinne Svoboda, Stefani Turken, Karen Pfendler, Shannon Waterfield, Phil Graff, Alex Shibicky, Patti Danos

Approval of May and June Minutes: Karl Hjerpe (Motion) Dee DeCarlo (2<sup>nd</sup>) passed unanimously.

President's Report: Rick talked about the need to set priorities. He suggested a survey of members asking for their top five spending areas. The budget should be voted on at the September Board meeting. Rick also announced a Task Force for Capital Improvements on Open Spaces. They will look at long-term improvements for consideration. Rick also mentioned that the City of Chicago will honor Ella Jenkins on September 16, 2015 at Millennium Park.

Treasurer's Report: Claire reported on 2015 budget numbers. The budget was planned to be short about \$30,000 but came in with a surplus of about \$21000. This was due to better Art Fair performance than expected, and deferring some Capital Improvements to the next fiscal year. In 2016, The Exhibitors committee recommends increasing the booth fee by \$50, and it has been suggested to raise the gate donation fee by \$1 to \$8.

Standing Committee Reports:

Art Fair: Rick stated that BaseCamp is a good source for lessons learned from this year's Art Fair that can be passed on to following years' staff. Dar Johnson has declined to chair the committee next year, so we'll need to look for another candidate.

Bylaws Committee: Rick said the committee members have nearly completed their work. (Bylaws Committee members are: Rick Rausch, Chair, Martha Connolly, Lee Freidheim, Anne Giffels, Robert Jones, Tom Leibig, Dirk Voss) He motioned to authorize spending up to \$3500 to have the bylaws reviewed by an outside attorney. The board suggested that proposals be requested from two to three attorneys before money is allotted.

Capital Improvements Committee: Chris Huff discussed the state of the brick pavers on the north side of the Triangle building. There was discussion about the use of NIC funds (20% discount program) and whether the condos would participate. He will also look into whether to do some patch-work or the entire area.

Events: Dee DeCarlo briefed her 2016 budget proposal. The plans for the next fiscal year are to host six events at a cost of \$6,000.

Gallery: New show is up and the opening was very well attended.

Grants Committee: Diane Gonzalez pointed out that the Illinois State budget problems will add to needs in schools and organizations. She asked that the budget proposal be amended to show a total request of \$50,000 instead of the \$44,250 submitted earlier.

Historic District: Karl Hjerpe had nothing to report. He and Diane responded to questions from the audience regarding the Landmark hearing for Burton Place (Note: this is not within the Triangle) and the appeal for a rejected building permit at 227 W Menomonee.

Membership: Chris Nelson was absent—no report.

Neighborhood Improvement Committee: Robert Jones made the NIC presentation for the coming fiscal year. He presented documentation of the work accomplished in the past year. The construction presently being done to improve the sewer pipe on Eugenie may damage the trees on that street. A discussion over NIC priorities reinforced the need for a membership survey regarding the budget.

Neighborhood Relations Committee: Anne Giffels attended the last CAPS meeting. No report.

Arts & Operations Committee: Nothing to report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Nominating Committee submitted by President Rausch for approval. Anne Giffels, Chair; Lucy Baldwin, John Burcher, Phyllis Hall and Tom Leibig. Rick motioned, Karl Hjerpe seconded, passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karl A. Hjerpe

Secretary

				Aug 2015	Aug 2015	Annual Budget	month notes
Ordinary Income/Expense							
			Income				
			001 • Association Revenue	108.29	108.29		interest
			019 • Program Revenue	1,754.42	1,754.42		Fall Fest tickets 360, dues 600, tuition 800
			Total Income	1,862.71	1,862.71		
			Gross Profit	1,862.71	1,862.71		
			Expense				
			060 • Association Expenses	6,542.76	6,542.76		salaries
			050 • Occupancy Expenses	1,616.72	1,616.72		normal: assess 800, maint 600, electric 200
			040 • Program Expenses	4,523.42	4,523.42		instructors 3k, newsltr 1.2k
			230 • Neighborhood Improvements	1,054.35	1,054.35		normal: trash cans 500, parks maint 500
			300 • Art Fair Expenses	20.00	20.00		
			Total Expense	13,757.25	13,757.25		
			Net Ordinary Income	-11,894.54	-11,894.54		
			Net Income	-11,894.54	-11,894.54		