

# Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

## September 8, 2015

Rick Rausch called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

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

**Board Members Absent:** None

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

**Others present:** Joan Goldstein, Corinne Svoboda, Stefani Turken, Phil Graff, Patti Danos

Approval of August regular and special meeting minutes: Karl Hjerpe (Motion) Diane Gonzalez (2<sup>nd</sup>) passed unanimously.

President's Report: None

Treasurer's Report: Claire reported on the August fiscal report – the first month of the new fiscal year. The first draft of the 2016 Budget was sent to Directors earlier. The second draft was presented with minor changes to be explained and discussed as part of respective committee reports.

Standing Committee Reports:

Art Fair: Rick stated that Vi Daley has agreed to be Art Fair Chair for 2016. We still need to consider a Vice Chair. Joan Goldstein was asked to speak to the proposed changes in fees for 2016. She explained their jurying process and wait-lists. She also recommended an ad in the Art Institute Magazine, promoting the Art Fair as “North of North,” targeting art buyers to get the “right” audience and not just the largest.

Bylaws Committee: Rick Rausch said the attorney review is done and the committee will meet end of September to review recommendations. Committee will present recommendations at October Board meeting.

Capital Improvements Committee: Chris Huff provided an update on the windows. Still expected to meet the October/November timeframe, and the company hired appreciates Old Town's flexibility. Chris met with Roy about the bricks outside of the Triangle building. More discussion will take place with the condo association to gain its financial support, as a precedent may be set that should be considered more fully.

Communications: Anne Giffels announced that a search is now on for a new editor for the newsletter. FoodBytes on the website is being updated to allow people to post recipes. Barb Guttman said that the problems with group emails have been solved.

Events: Dee DeCarlo reminded Directors and guests that tickets for the Fall Festival are now on sale and volunteers are needed. There should be enough beer.

Gallery: Current show is by Kay Smith, a well-loved former instructor. The opening is Sunday and we expect a very good crowd. Board members are always welcome and appreciated.

Grants Committee: No Report.

Historic District: Karl Hjerpe stated that the committee would be meeting next week and will have a report next month.

Membership: Chris Nelson presented a scaled-back budget proposal. There has been a slight gain in membership.

Neighborhood Improvement Committee: Robert Jones presented a revised budget proposal. David Pfendler explained the agreement between NeighborSpace and OTTA for the management of the park at Wisconsin/Clark. He also presented a historical breakdown of spending between the NIC and Grants committees. There was then a discussion of the recent membership survey regarding spending priorities. The survey highlights the wide diversity of opinion on how we spend in our budget, a good starting point for further conversation.

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

Arts & Operations Committee: No report.

Budget: Discussion regarding First Sight – agreed to decrease net income goal from \$15k to \$13k. Increase Art Fair gate fee to \$8 and raise booth fees by \$50. We will defer a decision on bricks for Triangle sidewalk. Art Fair line item expenses will not change at this time – Chair can request changes from Board if necessary.

Approval of Budget: Claire Leaman (motion) Anne Giffels (2nd), passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn moved by Robert Jones at 8:55pm, seconded by Dee DeCarlo.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karl A. Hjerpe, Secretary