



MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, 18 June 2024, via Zoom

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Andi Arnold, Kjel Alkire, Sophia Chai, Steve Dietz, Kara Maloney

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Rob Hardy, Elisha Marin, Jon Swanson

STAFF PRESENT: Anastasia Shartin, Karen Miller

10:05am Dir. Alkire, Board President, called the meeting to order.

Approval of the Agenda

Dir. Arnold moved and Dir. Chai seconded approval of this meeting's agenda, as written. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes

Dir. Arnold moved and Dir. Chai seconded approval of the minutes from the 21 May 2024 Board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Dir. Alkire moved and Dir. Arnold seconded approval of the Treasurer's Report on projections for FY 2024 end. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report

- See attached.

Grants Committee Motion

- **Dir. Alkire moved and Dir. Arnold seconded the motion to remove all matching funds requirements for organizational grants. Motion passed unanimously.**

Old Business

- **Dir. Arnold moved and Dir. Dietz seconded the motion to postpone Executive Committee elections, thus retaining the current Board President, Vice President and Treasurer until October. Motion passed unanimously.**

New Business

- Foundant Presentation
 - Approval of FY2025 Budget
- Dir. Alkire moved and Dir. Dietz seconded the motion to accept the FY2025 Budget as presented by ED Shartin. Motion passed unanimously.**

Dir. Maloney moved and Dir. Arnold seconded the motion to adjourn.

The Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 11:55am.

Executive Director Report for Board Meeting June 18, 2024

Grantmaking:

- Continue to review eligibility requirements, guidelines, and disallowed expenses with Karen in an effort to streamline information about our grant programs on the website and to reflect this work in grant applications
- Individual Artist Grant applications are open with a July 1 deadline; as of June 14, we have received 26 applications representing 7 counties; 18 identify in at least one equity group (8 senior citizens, 6 LGBTQIA+, 3 BIPOC, and 1 veteran)

MSAB/McKnight/MCA/FACM:

- June 13 – Watched MSAB meeting
- June 13 and 14 – FACM meeting in Litchfield, MN
- May 31 – Carryforward of \$240,000 into FY2025 reported to MSAB
- June 6 – Economic Impact Study survey collector job posted; Taliesen Nyala has been hired; five additional applicants will be screened for the second position with goal of hiring by June 28.

Networking (May 18 – June 14, 2024):

- May 20 – Rochester, **Olmsted County** – met with Andi Sutton, Executive Director, Southeast Regional Sustainable Development Partnership, UM Extension
- May 20 – Austin, **Mower County** – met with artist group to introduce SEMAC opportunities for individual artists
- May 28 – Rochester, **Olmsted County** – met with Katie van Buren, Director, Humanities in Medicine, and Sarah Mensink, Program Director for the Lavins Center for Humanities in Medicine, Mayo Clinic
- May 28 – Mantorville, **Dodge County** – met with Bob Soland, actor, former Board member of Mantorville Theatre, member of the Mantorville Economic Development Authority, and manager of Casey's in Mantorville. Invited him to apply to join the Board.
- May 31 – Winona, **Winona County** – met with Sarah Johnson, community artist, trained mental health professional and founder of the Joy Labs
- June 3 – Winona, **Winona County** – attended dinner for the 2024 McKnight International Choreographer Residency with Meryl Zaytoun Murman, organized by Sharon Mansur
- June 6 – Red Wing, **Goodhue County** – facilitated Artist Development Workshop hosted by Red Wing Arts on teaching workshops
- June 7 – Reads Landing, **Wabasha County** – met with Dawn Mikkelson, filmmaker
- June 11 – Winona, **Winona County** – attended and shared SEMAC Individual Artist Grant information at information session organized by the McKnight Foundation

Communications:

- June e-newsletter sent to over 900 recipients
- Finalized exterior signage for new office building

Other:

- Weekly meetings with John Skillings, financial trainer with Propel for Non-profits
- May 22 – Participated in Propel web training, 10-step Budgeting Process
- May 23 – Attended Cultural Competency Training, presented by members of the Prairie Island Indian Community, organized by Art of the Rural and Winona County Historical Society
- May 30 – Albert Lea, **Freeborn County** – presented Artist Grantwriting Workshop at the Freeborn County Arts Initiative
- June 11 – IDI presentation by Aamera Siddiqui and Suzy Messerole of Exposed Brick Theatre at Rochester Art Center for SEMAC panel and board; 15 participants (13 in-person and 2 via Zoom)