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WCUW Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, May 21, 2004, at 7:00 pm via ZOOM

MINUTES

Attending: Executive Director, Troy Tyree, Ex-Officio, Uma Ananth, Mark Babson, Greg Check, Gail Hunt, Scott Hayman, John Solaperto, Uma Ananth, Nick Cozzens, Ed Arndt

Guests: Walter Henritze, Anne McTigue, Dan Hunt

The Meeting was called to order by Mark Babson at 7:00 pm

Approval of April Board meeting minutes: The Board reviewed the minutes from the April Board Meeting. John Solaperto moved to accept the minutes as corrected by John S. and by Walter Henritze. All voted in favor of accepting the minutes as corrected.

Infrastructure:

Greg submitted a report, summarized as follows:

Melt Away tiles not yet installed. Troy suggested and all agreed they should not be installed until after inspections.

The fire alarm system was ready to be started. Greg deferred to Troy who said the Fire Dept. still needs to sign off on the work before it can start.

Additional electrical for the Front Room has been completed. A dimmer switch will be installed.

LED lighting has been installed because of the Energy Audit.

Lots of outdoor work has been completed. Greg has photos.

Greg deferred to Troy about the Unit that needs to be removed behind building. A group has been identified to empty the freon. Joe Poole will need to remove the board up to enable this.

Greg suggested we are just waiting for any additional work needed after inspections.

The front door still needs to be fixed.

The CD Library still needs work.

Camera System still needs to be addressed.

Outdoor signage still needs to be improved.

Greg then shared photos of the LED lighting.

Troy then discussed the clean up of the back of the building.

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Troy then said that Cassella wants to bid on our dumpster (trash removal). Troy said there is a real premium on moving dumpster to back to free up parking behind the building.

The last discussion was about trimming trees out back. Gail said that she is reaching out to a tree company.

Also, Aristides will give us a bid on electrical for storage system. With his bid, we can then seek out a grant from M&T Bank.

Savings Account Balances:

Greg reported a Total Balance of \$77,000 (rounded).

Gallery Committee Report:

Two reports were submitted by the Gallery Committee (one on Policy and Procedures and one on Artist Responsibilities). Gail felt the reports were self-explanatory. Mark asked about liability. Gail said we have zero responsibility/exposure with regards to liability for the artists' work. John commented that reports were written to benefit future operations.

Grants Committee Report:

Scott reported that the grants group has met three times to develop a Mass Cultural Council Operating support application due on June 13. We appreciate the full Board's blessing to submit this grant. A final draft will be circulated to the entire board prior to submission. If we win the grant we will know in the Fall. Multiyear funding in the amount of \$5,000 per year and up is possible. The Grants group is also centralizing all our grant applications and resources so that all boards can read, review and use them for future.

Executive Director Report:

Infrastructure/Fire Alarm: we are waiting on Fire Dept.

New lighting: a true improvement. Gas Pipe inspection: Meters will have to be moved outdoors, eventually. The gas company will likely not consult with us before the move. Microphones to be repaired by Jonathan Babcock. Draft shared by Serena Mae with regards to the TDI publicity. The T-shirts are in now. Share your sizes. ReBop Record shop: show this coming Saturday. Spring fundraiser has raised over \$14,000. Three quarters of the funds came from direct mail. The balance raised is from the gallery opening and record sales. Gail asked how Troy thought the fundraising was going. Troy said he thought we were behind a little bit. Troy said we have about \$3,100 in checking with a current cashflow

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shortage. It was confirmed that Greg transferred some funds to checking to cover any shortfall. Troy thinks that people may be a little confused— (are we being shut down or are we opening a new art gallery?) Discussion ensued about communicating through LOBE and using messaging of all types to clarify our status and encourage giving. Walter shared a thought- use the WBJ to communicate how great the facility is doing. Package a story for the WBJ.

Appointment of New Officers:

Scott moved that Mark Babson should be officially appointed as Chairperson of the board, given that Darren has stepped down and that Mark was serving as Vice Chairperson. Nicolas C seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Nicolas questioned whether Mark needs to be present. Scott explained that Mark has been attending the meeting by phone and suggested he could send a text confirming his acceptance for inclusion in the minutes.

Then Scott moved that John Solaperto be appointed as the Vice Chairperson of the Board. Ed Arndt seconded the motion. John said he is willing to accept. All voted in favor.

Scott mentioned that we should include some spots for on-air to encourage people to consider being on the Board. John asked if the Board should be recruiting Board members. Scott said that we do not have a nominating committee but, in lieu of this committee we should be active in filling talent and skill gaps on the board. Various conversations ensued about reaching out to major donors like Scott Rossitter. Everyone agreed that John S. should reach out to Scott to invite him to the next Gallery open.

Mark Babson was able to get back to the meeting via telephone. Mark accepted the position of Chairperson but needed to share that he is very busy. John Solaperto said he can help fill gaps and support Mark Babson. Mark acknowledged this. Nicolas shared that a Vice Chair should be able to support Mark in the event he is too busy.

TDI Grant Update:

Mark shared that Mitch has not been able to fulfill his responsibilities for the TDI Grant. He recommends that we move forward with Serena Mae and Troy and other resources as needed to fulfill the grant responsibilities. Uma asked if Mitch has already been paid. Scott answered that Mitch received \$2,500, which is half of the amount stipulated in the grant.

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This was for work completed. Mark suggests that this is more about continuing to work on the Grant and less about Mitch. "We need deliverables."

Mark asked if there is consensus on Mark's position. The Board expressed their approval.

Finally, Walter Henritze wanted to underscore that we need to move to change the bylaws so we can be sure that people can be qualified to run for the Board.

Mark moved to adjourn the meeting. Uma Seconded the motion. All were in favor.

John Solaperto moved to adjourn the meeting. Scott Hayman seconded the motion. All were in favor.