

ASSOCIATED ARTISTS OF PITTSBURGH
Board of Directors Meeting
June 8, 2015, 6:30 PM – Frame House Gallery

Board Members present: Ken Antol, Ann Thompson, Scott Hunter, Andy Urbach, Emily Meyer, David Bush, Christopher J. King, Ryan Lammie, Brian Siewiorek, Mia Tarducci Henry, David Stanger, PJ Zimmerlink.

Guests: Juliana Morris, Executive Director, AAP;

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Lewis opened the meeting. On motion by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Antol, the May 2015 Board minutes were approved.

Preview Party Recap

The Preview Party resulted in a profit from the event of slightly in excess of \$60,000, a significant financial contribution to enable AAP to have a surplus budget for the fiscal year 2014-2015. The event was not only a financial success (budgeted profit was \$30,000), but it was also extremely well attended (over 250 attendees), and most importantly, it helped AAP fulfill a missing need of being able to be financially independent. The event helped AAP build a solid list of donors and patrons for future years.

Spring Member Meeting Recap

The Spring Member meeting was very well attended, and there was significant positive feedback from the members in attendance.

Advisory Council Committee

Mr. Antol reported on the recent meeting with the Advisory Council, which seems very engaged. Another meeting will be scheduled for fall 2015.

Highland Avenue Potential Lease Space

An ad hoc committee of Board members has been evaluating the potential gallery space available on Highland Avenue. Many of the Board members emphasized the importance of AAP securing space under its own control for exhibitions. At the same time, there must be a well thought out business plan in place so that any space which is rented can be operated on not less than a breakeven basis.

Executive Director Report

Juliana Morris reported on her activities since the last Board meeting, including jurying for the 104th Annual; the Preview Party; meetings with funders, set up of the 104th Annual, and a multitude of other activities.

Diversity Initiative

With Ms. Shellman and Ms. Stanko absent, the Diversity Initiative report was postponed until the next meeting.

Adam Welch

Juliana Morris was excused from the meeting for the discussion related to Adam Welch due to their personal relationship. Due to layoff at the PCA, Adam Welch is available to serve AAP to assist in exhibitions development, planning and implementation. The artist members in attendance were unanimous that Adam would be a tremendous asset to AAP in this capacity, given his skills and reputation in the arts community. The Board, after considerable discussion, approved the retention of Adam Welch as a part-time independent contractor to AAP through August 31, 2015 on an experimental basis. He will report to PJ Zimmerlink and Scott Hunter (Exhibitions), but will of course ultimately report to the Executive Director.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.