



Village Arts Coalition

Minutes: VAC Board Meeting, November 3, 2011, Avalon, called to order by Steward Hartman at 7:03PM

Present: Melba Shepard, Rick Thompson, Jim X. Borzym, Carla McKenna, Willard Crary, Deborah Howard, Caroline Stepanek, Larry Utter, Steward Hartman, Susan Reisser. Avalon Representative: Hermine Higgins. Quorum present.

Guests: None

1-3. Introductions: Old and new directors, and Caroline Stepanek presented a brief history of the VAC. Steward discussed a recent issue concerning what happened at the annual meeting.

4. Additional Items: No additional items for the agenda.

5-6. Approval of Minutes: Oct. 6 – Motion - Deborah; 2nd - Melba. Passed. Annual Meeting – Oct. 16 – Rick added that he suggested the website have organic leads on Facebook versus the paid leads to improve visibility. Motion – Jim; 2nd – Deborah. Passed.

7-8. Verify Time & Date: Board meetings will remain the first Thursday of the month, 7PM, at the Avalon. The next board meeting will be December 1.

9. Election of Officers:

Treasurer – Deborah. Motion – Willard; 2nd – Melba. Passed.

Secretary – Susan. Motion – Jim; 2nd – Deborah. Passed.

Vice President – Willard. Motion – Deborah; 2nd – Carla. Passed; Will abstained.

President – Larry. Motion – Jim; 2nd – Melba. Passed; Larry abstained.

a. Selection of VAC rep to Boulder Dance: Jim will consider.

10. How the Board Should Conduct Business: A committee of Rick, Jim, and Willard will explore and present at the retreat.

11. Move Annual Meeting Date: Steward suggested we move the annual meeting to late April or early May to synch with the fiscal year. **MOTION:** Melba – “I move we move our annual meeting to the period between 4.18-5.30. 2nd – Deborah. Passes; Larry abstained. **MOTION:** Carla – “I move we shorten all the directors’ terms by 6 months, starting in April.” Motion died. Possible ways of treating the resultant discrepancy in term lengths were addressed, including a phased resignation/re-election, or making a by-laws revision. Larry appointed a committee of Willard, Deborah, and Rick to investigate this. Susan will send out possible dates for the next annual meeting.

12. Nominating & Voting Procedures: Jim wrote a thorough analysis, and Melba recommends we follow it. Jim will lead the effort in addressing insufficiencies and silences in our bylaws. The next nominating committee will be: Deborah, Susie, Melba & Larry.

13. Standing Reports:

a. Website: Rick will replace Marshall as director and will interface with him. Deborah cautioned that money is currently tight.

b. Avalon: Steward noted that commercial events are quite different from standard dance events, and recommended we all make an opportunity to visit during one, particularly during a catered event. Contact Hermine to schedule. Hermine reported that she has run a profit/loss comparison of March 1- November 1, 2010-2011, and we are at the same income level. New microphones have been purchased. Hermine needs a new computer, and it must be a MAC. She requested reimbursement from our Avalon account for a portion. **MOTION:** Melba – “I move we contribute \$600 to the purchase of a new computer for our manager.” 2nd – Deborah. Discussed asking Boulder Dance to contribute. Melba called the question. Passed unanimously. Hermine also requested that sick leave pay be made to the other contractor, Tess, the janitor. Melba will look into the possibility.

c. International Festival: Hermine stated that if the festival is as difficult this year as last, she will not run it again.

14-15. Structural Goals: Jim suggested 1) If you want to make a proposal, put it out to everyone on the board and to interested parties ahead of time. 2) Identify what we care about, and track communication. Rick suggested web based collaboration as a method to communicate. We will address this at a retreat, and Melba suggested we use a facilitator. Susan volunteered her home and will send possible dates of either Nov. 26 or 27, 10AM-3PM (including lunch).

16. Other Business: None.

17. New Agenda Items: Jim presented proposals in written format.

18. Adjournment: Motion – Willard. 2nd – Melba. Passed. 9:28PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Reisser
Secretary