

06.26.10 Second Quarter Board Meeting Minutes

In Progress - Studio 501 - Saint Paul, MN

The board of directors met on Saturday, June 26th, 1-3PM with the following meeting notes:

Present:

Juanita Espinosa, President
Denise Mayotte, Vice President
Anna Sherwood, Secretary/Treasurer (late arrival)
Bienvenida Matias, General Board Member (teleconference)
Martin Case, General Board Member

Kristine Sorensen, Executive Director
Ruth Taylor, Board Advisor
Kao Choua Vue, Administrative Assistant

Absent:

Carrie Estey, General Board Member (absent due to illness)
Phil Winden, General Board Member
Bee Vue, General Board Member

Meeting Called to order by Juanita Espinosa at 1:42PM

Meeting Purpose: 2010 General Updates & Committee Reports

Notes: Items marked in red indicate a motion made by a board member during the meeting.

Program Updates

Kris Sorensen provided a program update for June - August, 2010.
Four Directions Summer Program going well, funding secured for one more year.
Fresh Voices- In Progress received MN State Arts Board and will be working in Crookston, July 2010
Hmong Film Fest Funded for 2011 - Kao Choua will run program.
BIE- Mike Hazzard along with In Progress will work with 20 schools in the nation with Native youths on the topic of drugs. This will bring in about \$30-40,000 to In Progress.

Executive Committee Report

- 1st Quarter Board Meeting Notes - Board reviewed minutes with minor changes.
- **Denise motioned to approve Fourth Quarter Board Meeting. Marty seconded. Passed Unanimously.**
- **Committee Meetings - Marty moved to suspend committee meetings until September 2010 due to light board work load, and Executive Director travel. Denise seconded. Approved unanimously.**

Development Committee Report

- \$39,250 from MSAB Arts Access for Fresh Voices
- \$10,500 from MSAB Arts Festival for Qhia Dab Neeg

- Traveler's decline - reapply in the fall
- Yackel declined - too many other requests,
- Denise mentioned that Blandin has given her very positive feedback about In Progress
- Bremer - Kris should set up a brief meeting with Aretha from Bremer Foundation before submitting proposal.
- Nett Lake secured
- BIE project will bring in new funding opportunities as well as some gen op monies.

Finance Committee Report

- 990 documents and annual reports have been sent in and approved.
- Bee caught a minor mistake made by the state in their certification letter which has been corrected by the state.
- Swan resigned her position as Treasurer/Secretary upon the appointment of an Interim Secretary/Treasurer. The board unanimously recommended Bee Vue for the position. Kris will follow up with Bee and review the bylaws to ensure proper compliance.

Membership Committee Report

- Beni emailed Sandy Augustine about seeking board position. She and Beni have been talking back and forth. Sandy seems interested.
- Garrio Harrison is willing to consider a position on the board.
- Chente Vue, mother of Yeeleng Vue (Music instructor) expressed an interest but would like to learn more about the position - Kris suggested that Kao Choua and Bee meet with her.
- Carrie is recovering from her illness. Resources are tight for her but is willing to continue.

Additional Items:

- Skateboard club in Red Lake interested in Photography. Denise suggest going to Shelter Arms who funds the Boys and Girls Club.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:00PM