

# ARTS COUNCIL ~ WINDSOR & REGION



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## MISSION STATEMENT:

Arts Council – Windsor & Region is a non-profit organization that enriches the quality of life for all by strengthening the arts and the community through leadership, education and promotion

## Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting February 3, 2009

### Present:

*Suzanne Konyha, Utsy Hadaro, Nancy Nosanchuk, Philippa von Ziegenweidt, Roger South, Viva Dadwal, Cristina Mihălceanu, Omar Raza, Kim Elliot, Patrick Stevens*

**Regrets:** *Diane Passador, Carole Turner*

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the ACWR was called to order at 6.45 pm on February 3 by Nancy Nosanchuk.

### 2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES

**Motion: That the January 13, 2009 minutes be approved**

Moved: Viva, Seconded: Omar. Passed.

### 3. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES -- None

### 4. OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE -- 2 items, included in ED report below

### 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

#### i. Executive Director's Report

Official Correspondence: Canada Council, Halpenny Insurance

Funding and Staffing: We will be receiving The City of Windsor grant, \$6500.00 twice yearly, in February. The Waddell payments have all been sent with the exception of the Capital Theatre. I spoke to Mary Baruth on this subject and she

advised me to not give the lawyers the cheque, but to open a separate account with the money and hold it until a later date. I have spoke to Diane on this subject and have agreed to do so.

I had a meeting with Marne today, the arts guide is almost finished, and she is working with Ida on the final edits and should be ready to print within the month. Diane and I have finished the first section of the reinstatement of our charitable status. We have a few more documents to submit and will be done at the end of the month. We were required to pay a \$500.00 fine for failing to submit, this was taken out of our general account.

Programming: Be-Mine 09 has just opened, we did not receive as many submissions this year, this might be due to the fact the holiday show was just six weeks ago. Next year we may forgo the be-mine show and limit the member's shows to four a year. We have extended the hours to include the weekend, Sat 12-5 and Sun 12-4; if any board member is available to gallery sit please let me know after the meeting. I received notice from the Canada Council in regards to the VITA lecture series, the application was not accepted this year. Based on peer assessments, I feel that the lecture series is a bit stale and we should look at new programmes.

Fundraising: Our committee has met with Rotary and have decided not to partner at this time. We will be focusing our energies on the Art Schmooze bird house project slated for June 26, 2009 at the Victoria Tavern. We will build upon this event as our signature fundraiser of the year. Suzanne and Nancy will explain more in their reports. We have been invited to the AGW's programme on "greening" Windsor. The date is March 21<sup>st</sup> at the gallery. We will be able to promote the Bird house project and will need an invite and information for the event.

ii. Treasurer's Report – see attachment

iii. Fundraising Committee Report

Fundraising Meeting was held on January 22, 2009

Present: Suzanne Konyha, Nancy Nosanchuk, Utsy Hadaro, Diane Passador

Art in the Park: Utsy received a negative response from a Rotary board member regarding our possible use of the manor for activities during this event. We decided that we would have our fundraiser at another time and venue and continue our involvement with AIP by offering kids activities instead. It would be a good opportunity to advertise our bird house fundraiser through posters, hand bills, etc.

Yard Sale: Since several board members agreed to organize a yard sale, we will have this take place during the AIP weekend. Because there will be no exhibit booked in the gallery, items collected for the sale can be stored in the gallery up to and during the

event. The Salvation Army will be contacted for pick-up of unsold items after the sale. It worked out well last year to have a sign-up sheet for shifts at the AIP tent and the yard sale to give volunteers a break.

Bird House Fundraiser: Utsy suggested we hold the fundraiser at the Old Vic, combining the schmooze event with the bird house sale. Possible dates are June 19 or 26 (preferably 26), depending on what else is going on at these times. It was decided that we would invite artists, others to make either bird houses or related garden objects, i.e. bird baths, whirligigs, etc. in order to open up the possibilities. (Working title: "Bird House and Gardens"). Nancy suggested a \$10 entry fee, with the applicant receiving a \$10 gift card from Habitat to shop for supplies. Will have to follow up with Laura Gould for approval of this idea. The bird houses, etc. will be on display in the gallery a few days before the event for a sneak preview and to accommodate anyone from the news media who may want to view/photograph the work.

All entries will be displayed during the schmooze at the Old Vic and will be sold at the marked price (no silent auction). Artists will get 70% of the proceeds. We will ask applicants to consider adding a large hook or hanger of some kind for display purposes.

In terms of food, we will work out a barbecue menu with the Old Vic and we're allowed to bring our own salads and desserts. Live music is desirable, but on the lighter side because of the neighbourhood residents and because it's difficult to talk over loud music. It was decided that we would gather donations for door prizes with tickets being sold for an "opportunity gift". This worked out well last year and is worth doing again.

Arts Guide: report **to be given by Utsy and Marne**. Marne has been in touch with Ida and has been forwarding content to her. Will have to have a meeting soon to see how the guide is shaping up.

ACTION: Nancy & Roger to look for an artist to design an invitation for the Schmooze/Bird House fundraiser & to report back next month

iv. Human Resources Committee Report

v. By-laws Review Committee Report

Draft By-laws were presented.

**Motion: That the draft By-Laws be accepted as circulated.**

Proposed: Philippa Seconded: Suzanne. Passed. To be put before the general membership (+30 days' notice) at the next GM or the AGM. See copy attached.

vi. Strategic Planning Committee Report – no report

vii. Youth Arts Council Committee Report – no report

- viii. Volunteer Committee Report – no report
  
- ix. Outreach Committee Report—WEA outreach planned for March. Working with Habitat on Birdhouse fundraiser. Nancy to address Habitat Board in this regard. ERCA is looking for art to be sold to ERCA, to be replicated and used as tokens of recognition for donations (5k pieces). ACWR looking for other ideas to team up with ERCA. Patrick suggested building on their bathhouse initiative.

6. OTHER BUSINESS -- none

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Artist of Colour Opening on Friday at Mackenzie Hall.
- Human Rights Film Festival at the Art Gallery.
- Saul Nosanchuk to star in To Kill a Mockingbird this month

8. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting at 6.30pm on March 3rd.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7.48 pm by Nancy.

Minutes submitted by: Philippa von Ziegenweidt