GREATER DOVER ARTS COUNCIL

Director's Meeting Agenda
3:30PM
Thursday, February 20, 2014

Dover Public Library
Meeting Room B

Welcome

Old Business

- Review of May 21, September 19, 3013 meeting minutes
- Mayor's Arts Awards
- Mayor's Arts Awards Reception
- NEW Council Members

New Business

- Update City of Dover GDAC webpage
- Sharing/Announcements
- Adjournment

Greater Dover Arts Council
Board of Directors Meeting
4:30 PM, September 19, 2013
Dover Public Library

Members	Absent Members	Others Present
N. Taylor Collins	Elaine Brenchley	Margie Cyr, City of Dover
Brian Miller, Chair	Susan Johnston	Karen DeMarco, City of Dover
Beccy Cooper	Sylvia Cowell	
	Caroline Greene	
	Paul Janiga, Vice Chair	
	Amy Spampinato	

CALLED TO ORDER: 4:42 PM with 3 members in attendance.

WELCOME
All were welcomed to the library by the Chair.

OLD BUSINESS
There were no questions regarding the May 2013 meeting minutes. Due to not having a quorum, the minutes will be voted on at the next meeting.

Mr. Miller encouraged Council to attend the Monday, October 7 Mayor's Arts Awards. This year there are 6 arts awardees. Typically there's a punch and cookie reception to follow behind council chambers. Ms. Cyr asked if there was anything we could do to help; Mr. Miller said everything is set up thorough the Mayor's office. Mr. Miller also mentioned that he has already provided speaking points for the Mayor.

Mr. Miller and his wife will be hosting an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, October 13 from 1-3 PM for the current and past award winners and asked Council for their help. A sign-up sheet was passed around. Mr. Miller will send out the invitations. Everyone agreed it was a nice idea. Mr. Miller will contact the other members about the event.

NEW BUSINESS
Mr. Miller asked if there were any tasks the council should be doing. Ms. Collins mentioned that the committee had previously talked about putting together a statistical report about the GDAC and what's going on in Dover, similar to the Economic State of the Arts that the Biggs Museum has. She thinks this would be very helpful to the Mayor when he is speaking about the Arts. Ms. Collins will start working up a draft. Ms. Cooper offered her assistance.

Ms. Collins talked about creating a map of the county showing all the Arts related businesses and events in the area. Mrs. Cyr thought the Studio Tour map worked really well. Ms. Cooper said the Biggs Museum has a Delaware By Hand membership which includes a map of artists listed by county.

Ms. Cooper said that before the summer break she had been working with Mrs. Johnston on trying to come up with some different ways to take Downtown Dover's First Friday and integrate it with local artists. She said they met several times but there seemed to be some resistance from the merchants. Ms. Cyr said she had spoken with Mrs. Johnston about First Friday several years ago. It seemed that First Friday started out as a way to support the Arts in central Delaware but something has happened and it has become more about the merchants in downtown Dover. Ms. Cyr also said that the library started scheduling our "In Harmony" concerts at 7PM, which is when the merchant's open houses end, as a way to keep people in downtown Dover. Ms. Cyr is wondering if it's possible to broaden the scope

of First Friday and make it about something other than just the merchants and more about a variety of cultural activities to enjoy that night. Ms. Cooper thinks it's a great idea and said that the Biggs Museum will always offer an arts related event but on the other hand Bel Boutique has struggled to try to have an artist every month. Ms. Cooper thinks people aren't coming through for the shopping, but to enjoy everything going on downtown. Ms. Cooper also feels that the merchants are as involved as they are because they feel that they should be. Ms. Cooper asked if anyone has had an opportunity to go out and visit the other locations during First Friday. Ms. Collins said she is usually setting up or helping with the Art League. Mr. Miller said it's a social event. Ms. Collins said she is hoping to do something to tie in with the Lantern Tours. She feels that if there was something going on every Friday night, people would come out for it. Ms. Cyr thinks there's an amazing amount of opportunity in downtown Dover.

After brief discussion, it was decided to skip the October meeting and meet again on **Thursday, November 14, 2013 at 3:30PM at the library**. Mr. Miller asked if anyone had any ideas for a guest speaker or topic for the November meeting. They agreed to see what the topics are and who the speakers are at the 2013 Arts Summit at Dover Downs on October 28.

ADJOURNMENT

Greater Dover Arts Council
Board of Directors Meeting
4:30 PM May 21, 2013
Dover Public Library - Dover

Members	Absent Members	Others Present
N. Taylor Collins	Elaine Brenchley	Carolyn Courtney, City of Dover
Sylvia Cowell	Beccy Cooper	Margie Cyr, City of Dover
Caroline Greene	Rosemary Twilley	Karen DeMarco, City of Dover
Paul Janiga, Vice Chair		
Susan Johnston		
Brian Miller, Chair		
Amy Spampinato		

CALLED TO ORDER: 4:30 with 7 in attendance.

WELCOME
All were welcomed to the library by the Chair.

Ms. Courtney took a few minutes to explain about the division of the City of Dover Parks and Recreation Department and the Library Department and how the Library will now appropriately be taking over as the City liaison with the Greater Dover Arts Council. Ms. Courtney introduced Margie Cyr, Library Director and Karen DeMarco, Administrative Assistant to the Council. Ms. Cyr talked about how libraries are changing and are becoming a very active player in the Arts. She is honored to be here and be a part of the Council.

OLD BUSINESS
In discussion of the February 19 Minutes, Mr. Janiga motioned to accept the Minutes, with the corrected spelling of Ms. Greene's name, Ms. Greene seconded.

Mr. Janiga made a motion to accept the September 2012 Minutes, Ms. Spampinato seconded.

NEW BUSINESS
Mayor's Arts Award: The chair spoke about the confidentiality procedures and asked if anyone needed to be recused from voting. A discussion took place over the rules of voting. Council agreed to keep the choice as polled. Discussion of choices took place. One candidate was dismissed for not providing the required number of copies.

Council recommendations for the Mayor's Arts Awards are:

Jan Crumpley
K.M. Hammond
Donald A. Parks

Council recommendations for the Mayor's Youth Arts Awards are:

Rachel Frebert
Alicia M. Fox
Thomas Price

Next Meeting: Due to a conflict with the Library Advisory Council meetings, the GDAC will meet on the 3rd Thursdays starting on September 19 at 4:30 at the library.

SHARING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The chair announced that five Council terms were coming up soon.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Ms. Collins motioned to adjourn with Mr. Janiga as a second.