GREATER DOVER ARTS COUNCIL

Meeting Agenda
Thursday, April 14, 2016 3:30 PM
Dover Public Library Upstairs Conference Room

Old Business

☐ Review of January's meeting minutes .....Council

☐ Mayor's Arts Award/Youth Arts Award Deadline .....Council

☐ Budget Request.....Chevis

New Business

☐ Approval of M.A.A & M.Y.A.A.....Council

☐ Sendak .....Council

☐ 4th of July weekend .....Council

☐ Choose date to review Packets .....Council

☐ Open Forum .....Council

Next Meeting _____ 2016

MINUTES

Greater Dover Arts Council
November 19, 2015, 3:30PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Chevis Anderson, Sydney Artnz, Taylor Collins, Margie Cyr, Charles Guerin, Paul Janiga, Cheryl Scheir, Sarah Zimmerman

Council introduced themselves to one of our new members, Charles Guerin. Mr. Guerin is the Executive Director of the Biggs Museum of American Art.

Chevis called the meeting to order at 3:36pm.

OLD BUSINESS

SEPTEMBER 10, 2015 MINUTES
In discussion about the minutes, Paul wanted to clarify his comments to reflect that he was trying to open up for discussion the GDAC goals and not questioning them. Paul made a motion to accept the minutes, with his clarification. Sarah seconded the motion. Motion passed.

MAYOR'S ARTS AWARD/YOUTH ARTS AWARD
Chevis thought the awards presentation and reception at City Hall was great as well as the performances held at the library. Cheryl thought the library performances were wonderful too.

FAMILY COURT STUDENT ART EXHIBITS
Chevis will try to reach Judge Pyott by email about the art exhibit project. Chevis would like to meet with Cheryl to discuss the details. Paul asked who manages the exhibits at the Kent County Administrative Building; Chevis believes it's the Delaware Arts Association but will double check on that. Taylor thought it would be nice if we could work with them on the project. Taylor asked what was going to happen with the Family Court's permanent artwork; Chevis said that artwork is in a different part of the building and won't be affected by the project.

NEW BUSINESS

GDAC VISION, FOCUS, AND DIRECTION DISCUSSION
In review of the Bylaws, the GDAC will "encourage program development in the visual and performing arts by assisting artists and art organizations with event coordination; foster collaboration and communication among various visual and performing artists and various arts organizations; provide resource information and a community arts calendar". Paul wondered if we could tap into the Division of the Arts calendar of events. Taylor commented that people visiting or new to the area typically will go to the City website to look for information. Margie thinks the City's interest in the website is only that it will share information about the government activities of the City. They don't see that the website should have a broader vision. Margie also said that the Downtown Dover Partnership is working on a master calendar for the Greater Dover community. Taylor would like the Council to get involved with the Sendak exhibit which is coming to the Library next July…perhaps cash awards, sponsor a poetry reading, or a children's production. Sarah suggested working with the Delaware Division of the Arts. Chevis would still like to see a City of Dover marching band started up. Cheryl would like to see more visibility, perhaps having a table at Dover Days and preparing a flyer with events that the Council is involved in. Margie would like the Council to identify some things that they would like to do to give some purpose to the group. Margie thinks it would be appropriate for the GDAC to have a member of the Council on the planning committee for the Sendak Exhibit project. Taylor is already on the committee and could be the GDAC voice. Cheryl suggested brainstorming ideas using a flip chart.

Sendak Exhibit – 7/30/2015 – 9/11/2015:
- Children's Theater (grant?)
- Schwartz Center (grant?)
- Mayor's white paper with talking points
- Integrate into tourism materials
- Prison program – literature, poetry readings
- Throughout the exhibit, approximately every couple of weeks, sponsor a Sendak–inspired art / literature contest – visual, performance (dance/theater), musical, poetry
- Promote at Dover Days

- Non-monetary prize options: Schwartz Center tickets, gift shop item from the Biggs Museum, local business donations, etc.
- Performance opportunities

Charles said the Library and Biggs Museum will be doing an opening for the exhibit. He suggested the Council do something different and on top of what the Museum and Library are doing.

Annual Event(s) for GDAC to sponsor:

Arts Festival or French Quarter Festival
- Different performances on every street corner
- Carefully choreographed outdoor local event
- Jazz, contemporary, hip-hop stages
- One day event to start

Fourth of July Event
- First year, partner with the 4th of July committee
- Work with the Mayor's office to coordinate logistics
- Have event at Dover Downs
- Multiple stages (check with June Jam coordinators about extra stages)
- Promote event at Dover Days

Chevis suggested sponsoring an event on the Saturday during **Dover Days**:
- Jazz hour
- Hip-Hop Hour
- Classical Hour

Cheryl spoke about the **Good Show Award** idea; a recognition certificate or letter that the Council members can send out when they see a performance or exhibit that's outstanding. Chevis loves the idea.

Chevis suggested coordinating with the 4th of July committee to see what they are planning so we can see how we can help.

Chevis is very interested in starting a **City Marching Band**. Chevis shared that he used to march for Delaware State University and also started the marching band for the Philadelphia Soul. Paul is not sure starting a marching band is part of the GDAC's mission. Chevis is more than willing to take the lead on this project.

Sydney suggested that the GDAC sponsor a **film series at the Schwartz Center** (and/or the library as well). Some suggestions:
- Choose themes relevant to Dover
- Talk with people who have film knowledge
- Fundraiser to cover film rental cost
- Periodic, perhaps monthly
- Membership fees

PROPOSED 2016 BUDGET
Potential costs for 2016 to consider: film rental cost, stage rental cost, Arts reception. The Council will submit a proposed budget of $5,000 to the Mayor to cover the cost of the 2016 projects discussed.

CITY WEBSITE
Chevis would like to see the Council move forward with their own social media efforts. Taylor offered to create a Twitter account and link it to the GDAC Facebook page. Chevis encouraged everyone to get 5 – 10 people to "like" and "share" our Facebook page by January.

Paul made a motion to adjourn; Sarah seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 14, 2016

Mayor's Arts Award Eligibility

Nominees for a *Mayor's Arts Award* must:

- Be active in the visual, performing, cinematic, or literary arts
- Be a visual or performing artist, an arts educator, an arts organization, an educational institution, an arts advocate, an arts volunteer, or a supporter of the arts (individual or corporate)
- Demonstrate a long-term impact on Greater Dover's artistic and cultural life

Mayor's Youth Arts Award Eligibility

Nominees for a *Mayor's Youth Arts Award* must:

- Be active in the visual, performing, cinematic, or literary arts
- Be a High School **junior** (school year 2015/2016) who resides within the City of Dover or within five miles of the City limits
- Demonstrate outstanding accomplishments in the arts

The Mayor, members of the Dover City Council, and the Greater Dover Arts Council and their immediate families are ineligible to be nominated for a Mayor's Arts Award or Mayor's Youth Arts Award. The Greater Dover Arts Council is ineligible to submit nominations for a Mayor's Arts Award or Mayor's Youth Arts Award.

Past Awardees:

2015
MAA - Delaware State News
MYAA - Angel Caldwell; Chalay Marie Horne; Claire Kolakowski

2014
MAA – Sharon Crossen; Delaware Friends of Folk; Gary Knox
MYAA – Alex Brown; Marius Sander; Elizabeth Stant; Tymir Thompkins

2013
MAA - Jan Crumpley; K. M. Hammond; Donald A. Parks
MYAA - Rachel Frebert; Alicia M. Fox; Thomas Price

2012
MAA - Dr. Basilio Bautista; Biggs Museum of American Art

2011
No award presented

2010
MYAA - Jordan Beard; Jeffrey Heilman; Ronald Rider, Jr.

2009
MAA - Kent County Theatre Guild
MYAA – Connor Graham, Conor McGiffin, Julianne Morris

2008
MAA - Dover Symphony Orchestra

2007
MAA - Dover Art League; Phyllis Levitt

DOVER GREATER ARTS COUNCIL

2016 Mayor's Arts Award and Mayor's Youth Arts Award

Greater Dover is rich in artistic expression that reflects the area's diverse population and greatly benefits all!

Recognizing the value and importance of the arts to the City of Dover, former Mayor Stephen R. Speed, the Dover City Council, and the Greater Dover Arts Council established the *Mayor's Arts Award* in 2007 to honor groups and individuals that have made outstanding contributions to the artistic and cultural life of the Greater Dover area.

The recipients of this prestigious award exemplify excellence through theuir artistic pursuits, inspire the community, and ensure a cultural legacy for future generations.

Also recognizing the value and importance of young people's contribution to the arts, former Mayor Carleton E. Carey, Sr., the Dover City Council, and the Greater Dover Arts Council established the *Mayor's Youth Arts Award* in 2009 to **identify, encourage, and recognize** talented high school arts students. This award highlights the importance of education in fostering future artists.

Up to three *Mayor's Arts Awards* and up to five *Mayor's Youth Arts Awards* may be awarded annually.

Nomination Instructions:

Create an electronic Nomination Packet (JPEG or PDF) that includes:

A typed **Nomination Letter** that includes:

- The Nominator's and Nominee's name, address, phone number, and email address
- Why the nominee deserves an award
- A discussion of the nominee's involvement in the arts, and the nature and impact of that involvement on the Greater Dover area

Support Materials that exhibit the nominee's expertise, such as:

- Artwork, photographs, audio, video, and/or writing samples
- A Resume
- Newspaper or magazine articles and reviews, event programs, promotional materials, etc.
- Documents that exhibit past awards, honors, or community involvement

Two Additional typed **Letters of Support** that includes:

- One letter from an arts professional in the nominee's field of expertise

Please submit only one nomination per Nomination Packet

Submit the Nomination Packet to:

karen.demarco@lib.de.us

Subject Line: *Mayor's Arts Award OR Mayor's Youth Arts Award*

DEADLINE for submissions:

Friday, June 3, 2016

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The Arts Awards will be presented at the first Dover City Council meeting in October (Arts and Humanities Month) at City Hall,
15 E. Loockerman St., Dover, Delaware