

Minutes
PEACE LIARD REGIONAL ARTS COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
October 23rd, 2010
Hudson's Hope

Call to order at 11:30am with seven people present: Pat Markin, Yvonne Eldon, Pauline Casselman, Lisa Bush and Cathy Hooper.

Ellen Corea: Recorder.

Approval of agenda Yvonne/Pauline passed

Approval of minutes from last meeting – August 27th, 2010 **Cathy/Pat Passed**

Correspondence: Ellen noted two items from the correspondence:

1. Notice that the Pacific Region Arts Council had been dissolved. No one seemed to know anything about it.
2. Thank you card – thanking the PLRAC for its sponsorship of the Theatre BC Zone Festival

Business Arising

1. Policy Manual – Cathy and Lisa went over the Framework policy and reported back to the meeting with suggestions for changes, deletions and corrections. Cathy will e-mail that to Ellen and it will be brought to the next meeting for further discussion.
2. North East Arts Summit, September 17-18, 2010 in Fort St. John – This was a very worthwhile meeting and there was some expression that it was too bad that it was not better attended. There were excellent presenters and the follow-up was great. The organizers were very impressed by the involvement of local politicians.
3. Juried Exhibition – The next community to host the RJAE is Hudson's Hope. Ellen will send the application form to Pat. There was some discussion about the timing and Pat said that she would like to coordinate the date with Arts Week. She is also thinking that Dan Arbury and Jim Stokes would be great jurors. Ellen and Donna are working on the operations manual.
4. Website upgrade Newsletter - policy for links – There was extensive discussion re; the upgrading of the website and the use of a e-news format for the newsletter. Russell Eggleston was to get in touch with Ellen but she will phone him on that. She could also get in touch with "Image Built" (Dayna or Dave)
5. Spirit Festivals – There was a great deal of discussion on the Spirit Festival application. There were only two communities in our region that applied, DC and Chetwynd. There has been some displeasure with the program.

6. Assembly position - Lisa stated that she has resigned her position from the Assembly for a couple of reasons. She is concerned with their involvement with the Spirit Festivals and she also has issues with the rebranding of the organization. The ABCAC will now be called Arts BC and the logo and the focus have changed. Her position was to be refilled in May. We, as a regional arts council, will have to look at putting a name forward by then.
7. BCTC Rep – This is Heidi's last term and there was some discussion about Cynthia becoming our next rep. The rep must come from a presenting community. DCs concert series has changed in its make up so they **may** not qualify. Lisa will ask if Bettyanne would be interested.

New Business

1. New provincial advocacy organization -Arts Advocacy BC - Lisa is encouraging everyone to join. There is no money involved. The website is www.artsadvocacybc.ca
2. Northern Health Letter - We received a letter from Northern Health asking to set up an Arts Council for the new hospital in Fort St. John. We are assuming that they mean an advisory board to collect art work for the facility. The letter was passed on to Lisa.
3. Cultural Mapping – Cathy asked about the cultural mapping project from the Alaska Highway Consortium. She confirmed that John Bass is coming to FN to do an inventory on the Arts and Cultural assets of the community.

Reports

1. Treasurers - Ellen presented a written financial statement in Heidi's absence
Moved to accept the financial statement as presented **Yvonne/Pat passed**

Motion to restrict \$5000 towards the website development project **Cathy/Pauline passed**

2. Coordinators – Ellen presented a written report Accepted for information
3. Presidents- See: ABCAC above
4. Community Theatre Liaison - NA
5. BCTC Rep: See written report attached
6. ABCAC Rep: See: ABCAC above
7. Aboriginal Liaison – N/A
8. Visual Arts Liaison – N/A
9. Alaska Highway Consortium Rep – see: cultural mapping above

Adjournment at 2:30pm

Next meeting: February 2011 Fort St. John