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Name: Rowan Arts Council Board

Date of Meeting: Dec. 5, 2017

Board Chair: Edward Norvell

Date of Next Meeting: Feb. 6, 2018

Board Members Attending: Anne Scott Clement, Davis Cooke, James Harvey, Robert Jones, Cindy Morgan, Edward Norvell, Mollie Ruf, Josh Wainwright

Not Attending: M.J. Simms-Maddox, Cheryl Goins

Edward Norvell called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

Motion: Josh Wainwright made the motion for approval of the October 2017 minutes as sent.

Second: James Harvey

Motion: Approved

RAC Bylaws

The RAC By-Laws were reviewed by the appointed subcommittee, consisting of Edward Norvell, Anne Scott Clement, and Davis Cooke. Changes made to the By-Laws were presented by Cooke, and the group agreed to the revisions regarding structure, term limits, officer terms, number of meetings, and yearly audits.

Motion: Anne Scott Clement made the motion to approve the By-Laws as presented, with noted corrections.

Second: Davis Cooke

Motion: Approved

2017-18 Arts & Cultural Development Grant Awards

The group shared their chosen scores for each 2017-18 ACD Grant applicant. It was suggested to add another category to the scoring system that focuses on personal preference.

The NC Transportation Museum requested funds to display student art from North Rowan, which would be exhibited outside. There was discussion about whether visitors could access the art without having to pay admission to the museum. One idea was to promote one day a week for free admission to the public.

Regarding the Rowan Blues and Jazz request, the committee was worried about the stability and planning of the group since the application seemed to be lacking and last year's festival was desperate for funding at the last minute.

The Rowan Salisbury Schools grant application requested \$17,000 for an upcoming project. The committee wondered where the rest of the funding would come from if RAC offered a small portion, such as \$500 or \$1,000. Harvey stated it would be positive for the school system to have the endorsement of the RAC.

Salisbury Pride Festival is requesting funding to support the performers attending the event. With a consistently large crowd, the committee agreed this is an important event for the city.

The group discussed the application from the Salisbury Choral Society and how they need to do a better job of raising funds. Mollie Ruf shared a sense of hesitance due to the Choral Society not being organized and doing things at the last minute. The total number of members seem to be decreasing each year. The Choral Society received \$2,000 through a Grassroots Grant. The total budget for the project is \$3,960, with an annual budget of \$10,330.

Out of the 14 applications submitted, the committee agreed on 4 applicants that didn't meet the criteria for funding, including the Spencer Doll & Toy Museum, Salisbury Business Center, Jeremy Vess, and William Boyd.

Anne Scott Clement shared the list of applicants based on the scoring system. The committee decided on various amounts to award each group.

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| (1) Salisbury Pride: \$1,500 | (8) Caroline Stevenson: \$500 |
| (2) Carolina Artists: \$1,000 | (9) Rowan Blues & Jazz: \$0 |
| (3) NC Transportation Museum: \$1,000 | (10) Koontz & Phillips: \$300 |
| (4) Center for Faith & the Arts: \$1,000 | |
| (5) Salisbury Art Station: \$750 (to be used for scholarships) | |
| (6) Salisbury Choral Society: \$1,000 | |
| (7) Rowan Salisbury School System: \$1,000 | |

Total amount to be allocated toward ACD grant applicants: \$8,050

Motion: Cindy Morgan made the motion to approve the recommendation for the ACD grant applicants and allocated amounts for each, totaling \$8,050.

Second: Mollie Ruf

Motion: Approved

Additional Business

The committee discussed posting the amount of funds available during a grant cycle on the website so potential applicants are aware. In addition, it might be a good idea to include an approximate amount that is normally granted.

With no other business items to address, the RAC Board meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:
Allyson Teague, RCTDA