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Name: Rowan Arts Council Board

Date of Meeting: Sept 4, 2018

Board Chair: Davis Cooke

Date of Next Meeting: Oct 2, 2018

Board Members Attending: Emily Perry, Kelly Feimster, Anne Scott Clement, Davis Cooke, Allison Wilhelm, Bill Bucher, Janine Rhodes, Keyth Kahrs, Robert Jones, Edward Norvell

Not Attending: Mollie Ruf

Davis Cooke called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM and welcomed everyone. Introductions were made around the table. RAC board notebooks were distributed to all members which include copies of the meeting schedule, member contact list, By-laws, as well as information on the three grant programs (RPAG, Grassroots Grants & ACD Grants).

Approval of the Minutes

Motion: Edward Norvell made the motion for approval of the May 2018 minutes as presented.

Second: Robert Jones

Motion: Approved

Consideration of the RAC 2018-19 Budget

Edward Norvell noted that the increase in allocation from Rowan County and an explanation was given on how and why the big 4 (Waterworks, Salisbury Symphony, Lee Street and Piedmont Players) receive funds each year from the Rowan Arts Council. There was a 10% increase in funding from Rowan County this year.

Motion: Edward Norvell made a motion for approval of the RAC 2018 – 19 Budget which included the even distribution of the funding for the big four arts organizations.

Second: Anne Scott Clement

Motion: Approved

The Rowan County funds allocation comes in one payment each year. The City of Salisbury allocations come in quarterly. The first quarter of the fiscal year typically comes from the City in August or September. RAC processes funds and sends those out to the big four partner organizations with 12-14 days of receipt of the allocations.

Rowan County has been awarded Grassroots funding of \$40,352 for 2018-19 from the NC Arts Council. \$11,970 must be allocated to multi-cultural programming. The majority of these funds are sub-granted out to grant applicants. State Grassroots funding comes in 1 – 3 payments throughout the fiscal year depending on when the NC Arts Council processes payments.

Consideration of the Grassroots Grant Panel

Anne Scott Clement presented the Grassroots Grant panel as follows:
Davis Cooke, Edward Norvell, Carlton Jackson, Cindy Morgan, Linda Jones and Anne Scott Clement.

Motion: Bill Bucher made a motion for approval of the 2018-19 Grassroots Grant Panel as presented.

Second: Allison Wilhelm

Motion: Approved

The panel will meet in late September to review and score applications as well as recommend awards for Grassroots funding for 2018-19.

RAC Secretary Nominations

The RAC Board secretary is currently vacant since Josh Wainright is no longer serving on the board. Mollie Ruf has agreed to serve as RAC Board secretary.
Cooke asked for any other nominations.

Motion: Edward Norvell made the motion for close of nominations and approval of Mollie Ruf as Board Secretary.

Second: Anne Scott Clement

Motion: Approved

Additional Business

Davis Cooke gave a brief summary of the Arts & Science Council RPAG grant workshop that occurred in August. Cooke noted that the RPAG grant program procedure listed two deadlines including a “Draft” deadline and a “Final” deadline. Considering the grant application challenges

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that RAC has experienced in the past, Cooke noted that this might be a something RAC should implement going forward. The week between the draft and final deadlines allows time for dialogue between applicants and staff to make any necessary corrections.

Anne Scott Clement has developed a basic checklist for screening Grassroots Grant applications and will develop one for use with the ACD grants in the fall.

In the long term, staff is researching the possibility of making the grant applications fillable online from the RAC website. Currently, forms must be printed out and completed.

Edward Norvell reminded everyone that the Salisbury Community Foundation grant deadline is September 21st.

Cooke thanks everyone for attending. With no other business items to address, the RAC Board meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:
Lesley Pullium, RCTDA