

**Edina Art Center Board Meeting
February 24, 2011
4:30 p.m. at EAC**

EDINA ART CENTER MISSION STATEMENT

The Edina Art Center mission is to provide facilities, programs and services that meet and reflect the needs of our residents and neighbors for participation, education and enjoyment in the Arts with emphasis on fine arts.

Members present: Hafed Bouassida, Dana Lappin, Barbara La Valleur, Bill McCabe, Colin Nelson, John Swon, Ruth Valgema, and Thea Zerbe

Members absent Maria DePesa, Thomas Raeuchle, and Renee Usem

Staff present: Diana Hedges and Lauren Schauer

CALL TO ORDER: Bill McCabe, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES

The minutes for the January 27, 2011 meeting were read. Diana Hedges brought attention to the correct spelling of Heather Randall King's name and was corrected.

Ruth Valgema MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JANUARY.

Hafed Bouassida SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

WELCOME - Dana Lappin, Barbara La Valleur, and Colin Nelson - New Board Members

The new Board Members introduced themselves as well as the returning members and staff. Everyone is very excited and honored to be serving on the Board. Two of the new Board members are personally involved with the arts, Colin as a writer and musician, and Barbara as a photojournalist. Dana grew up in Edina and is active in politics and with it brings wonderful insight to the group.

EDINA PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE-Bill McCabe

Bill asked Ruth Valgema if she would be the new representative for EPAC to the EAC Board and she accepted. EPAC has been busy involved with acquiring the sculptures for next summer. \$9,000 for fund balance has been estimated for awards and purchasing of art works for this next summer. Celebration of the winners of the Promenade Sculptures will be on June 15 from 5-7 p.m. at Pinstripes. Board Members should try to attend to support and because it will be lots of fun!

WAYS & MEANS Committee - Bill McCabe

Steven Carlson has retired since the last meeting and a new board member will be appointed to Ways & Means committee. Bill McCabe will serve as interim Chair.

GALLERY EXHIBITION - Maria DePesa (absent) /Thea Zerbe

Thea talked about the opening of the first ever Teen Art Show at the EAC. She talked about the involvement of the other teen board member Maria DePesa, herself, and friend Justin Moran. They started with grand ideas but for the first teen show they wanted to make their goals realistic and set the foundation for future show with the Edina High School. Their show formed around the ideas of having a juried show with all forms of media for Edina High School Students. They were very pleased with the quality of artwork that was submitted and learned about how much work is involved in a show and how it is put together. They had the art teachers from the high school involved and had amazing judges from Walker Art Center Teen Art Council, and the MIA, Sheila Bianchi, Juana Barrio, and Adriana Ruppel. And a special thanks to Nicole Mills-Novoa and Anne Spooner for working with them on this project, and to Trent Romens for playing music at the opening. Diana commented that the Art Center had wanted to have an Edina Teen exhibit for more than four years and was very pleased that Thea and Maria, our youth Board Members along with Anne Spooner and Nicole Mills-Novoa and their committee were able to present this wonderful exhibit to our community. Diana also expressed gratitude to Mayor Hovland for his proclamation declaring the month of March as Teen Art Month in Edina in conjunction with the national Youth Art Month.

EDINA FILM FESTIVAL - John Swon

Dates for the film festival have been set for October 20th to the 22nd with a closing event on the 23rd at the Edina Country Club. The Landmark Theater still would like \$10,000 for the three days and price negotiations are ongoing. Andrew Peterson who has previously joined the Film Festival Board worked on the Sundance Film Festival and has agreed to work on the financing for Edina. Jarrod Lindquist has a goal of \$50,000 for fundraising and has started to contact companies and individuals. The group has as received the official paper work from the Edina Community Foundation for fundraising. Diana Hedges reminded the Board that no money from the Art Center is going towards funding the Film Festival. The next meeting is set for March 8th in the Loft at the EAC. Dana expressed interest in attending. Barbara asked if the Film Festival was on Facebook yet. John said it was not and wanted to wait until the Landmark price was set. Barbara asked why it could not be so as to inform the public of funding needs and on how to donate. Diana said that once the price was set that it would run thru Ways & Means Committee first and then out to the public so that we are not soliciting from same people every time.

NEW BUSINESS - Bill McCabe

The Board discussed city ordinance #1508 covering the rules governing the Edina Art Center. Ruth brought to the Board's attention that the by-laws of the Art Center Board did not quite match up with the city's ordinance and that approval of the ordinance was fine as long as the by-laws were updated to the current ordinance.

John Swon MOVED THAT THE BOARD ACCEPT THE CITY ORDINANCE #1508 COVERING THE RULES GOVERNING THE EDINA ART CENTER. Hafed Bouassida SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Reminder on March 21st at Centennial Lakes there will be a recognition dinner for new and retiring board members. RSVP is by March 11th to Susan Howl at the City. Board members should have received an invitation in the mail. Contact information for the Board Members was updated.

COMMUNITY COMMENT

No members of the community were present.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Next Board Meeting will be March 24, 2011 at 4:30pm.