

MINUTES
Arts Council of Torrance
Regular Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, January 26, 2017

President Norris called the meeting of the Arts Council Board of Directors to order at 6:38 p.m. on January 26, 2017 in the PTI Conference Room located at 1765 Oak Street in Torrance.

A quorum was established. Attending the meeting were, Steve Norris, Patrice Lefevre, Richard Whitehorse, Peggy Dowell, Janene Ferguson, and Megan Willis

Excused Absence: Sue Berliner, Owen Griffith

Copies of the November 17, 2016 Board Meeting were distributed to members. Janene Ferguson moved to approve the minutes as printed; Patrice Lefevre seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Patrice Lefevre distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report for period ending November 30, 2016 indicating the following:

Beginning Balance - TCCU	\$16,549.95
Sally Stowe Arts Fund	1,660.03
Total Income:	2,655.00
Total Expenses:	584.00
Ending Balance - TCCU	\$18,620.95
Sally Stowe Arts Fund	\$1,660.03
Petty Cash	\$ 50.00
Total Cash on Hand	\$20,330.98

Janene Ferguson moved to file the report for audit; Megan Willis seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Patrice Lefevre presented a bill of \$1,063 for rental of the Recreation Center for Spotlight Awards Event and the Garden Room and Rec Center for judging for the awards. Richard Whitehorse moved to pay the bill; Megan Willis seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Regarding the Spotlight Awards, Patrice Lefevre stated she has distributed the information to all the schools. Megan Willis agreed to judge the performing arts applicants and would seek another person to help judge.

Chairmen Reports:

No report from Sue Berliner as she was out of town. Peggy Dowell gave the printed invitation flyers, reservation return slips and mailing labels to Patrice Lefevre to give to Sue upon her return.

Patrice Lefevre will work with Sue to plan the luncheon for the Spotlight Awards on March 4, 2017.

Peggy Dowell agreed to contact Cinthia Joyce to do an art demonstration at the June 3, 2017 General Membership Meeting.

Membership Chairman, Richard Whitehorse reported that memberships totaled 55 plus two additional members that were given to him at the meeting. He will be preparing to send notices for next year's membership drive in June of this year.

Janene Ferguson stated she had sent three birthday cards in January and have prepared cards for February.

Janene stated that the Torrance Museum current exhibit of Pulp Fiction is on display.

Poetry Slam Planning Committee: Richard Whitehorse, Megan Willis and Steve Norris will plan to meet on Weds February 8 at 6:30 at the PTI Conference Room to discuss general plans for the Poetry Slam.

Patrice Lefevre stated there were not enough art pieces received to continue with the plans for the Reflections Art Exhibit at Destination Art. The members unanimously agreed that they would like to do the exhibit next year. Patrice will work with the PTA's and Destination Art earlier in the next school year to coordinate the effort.

Peggy Dowell asked if any members would be available to help the afternoon of the "George Washington's Boy" reading at the Nakano Theatre. A few indicated that they may be able to help.

After discussion regarding ticketing for the event, Patrice Lefevre moved that the Arts Council be the ticket vendor for Mercury Stage and Theatre for this event since ACT can accept credit cards.

Megan Willis seconded the motion. Motion Carried. The flyer will be displayed on the website for the event.

Steve Norris gave a summary of the program he is directing for the **Celebrating Women's Achievements** program scheduled for Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Main Library meeting room. He is featuring accomplishments of Katy Geissert as well as women scientists who made significant scientific contributions but were not given credit for their work during their time.

Janene Ferguson will be ascertaining additional information regarding the Art-in-a-Box proposed project.

ACT board members would still like to pursue the idea of a video about ACT.

Steve Norris congratulated Megan Willis on being appointed to the Torrance Cultural Arts Commission and noted that the Commission now has three members from ACT.

The Board agreed to meet on Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Peggy Dowell
Secretary