

Arts Council Toowoomba Inc. Committee Meeting

MINUTES 06.02.12 at 12 Little St Toowoomba

Present: Jennifer Wright (Summers), Maria Richardson, Kim Besley Scott, Mary-Kate Khoo, Leith Lethbridge, Christian Low, Pixie Roediger

APOLOGIES: Wendy van der Sande, Nancy Lee

WELCOME GUESTS: Robyn Kavanagh and Pam Cleland

Call to Order: 5.32pm

1. Minutes

Adoption of Minutes from the Previous Meeting 16 January 2012

Business Arising from the Minutes discussed HOPE initiative, Jess Hall request for Social Media workshop and Dana's response,

MOVED THAT THE MINUTES WERE A TRUE RECORD OF THE MEETING: JENNIFER, SECONDED MARIA PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

2. CORRESPONDENCE

INCOMING:

Mail

- Culliford Gallery Exhibitions for 2012
- PAMPS Insurance from QAC
- Membership renewals from Chantel Schott, Deb Beaumont, Empire Theatres Pty, Ltd, Peter Dobe Pepperina Gallery
- USQ ARTsworx Jan-April Twilight recitals promotion

Electronic

- QAC Insurance cover
- Frank Ondrus from HOPE asking Arts Council Toowoomba (ACT) to consider supporting HOPE's 2012 Pathways to Sustainability Expo, Saturday 13 October 2012 at either USQ or TAFE through participation in :
Workshop facilitated by Reverse Garbage (Brisbane) - www.reversegarbage.com.au/ Producing a series of installations using recycled materials, Submitting artworks for display as part of an exhibition and/or competition.
Collaboration with RADF application.
- Shelley Pisani – don't give up on Flood Marker project – suggested mix of funding
- Emerge, Mixed messages reminder opening Sunday 12 February at 2pm; entries called for Mixed miniatures due 31 May . Nic Hohn and Kym Breeze workshops
- Thanks from Women in Harmony for supporting Elaine Coates' successful Australia Day award
- Jess Hall – request for letter of support for new media workshop and ongoing correspondence with Dana re previous workshop on social media.
- Robyn Kavanagh re drama project collaboration
- Gitie House, President, TIMS & Chair, TLC Festival Committee thanks and success for TLC funding for three years
- A reminder from Stephen Clark to all artists about Flying Arts Insurance. The next round closed Monday 23 January for insurance beginning Feb 1.

India Art Tour – 29 Feb to 10 March Phone 0746378840

Raygun Sarah Ryan exhibition Feb 10 at 6pm

Nancy Summerfield asking for support to nominate for council position.

Artworx-Sultry Brazilian Music at Twilight Wed 8 Feb 6-7 pm. "Tracking the Arts" raceday 10 March

Kath Dickson Community Art Space exhibiting Chinese New Year opening Feb 3, 6.30pm

Pepperina Gallery Feb 4, 2pm Kicking off the year nibblies

Twba Regional Art Gallery- Talk on Sir Lionel Lindsay's Orientalism. 2pm Sunday 19 Feb.

Electronic:

SUMMER NEWSLETTER – Thanks Tina

* ROCO query response

* Send our RADF Grant application to HOPE to assist them with their application

* RADF fund application for mosaic workshop to RADF liaison officer (Di Baker)

* Ongoing Shelly Pisani, Di Baker and Pamela Armstrong re Flood Marker project

Accept incoming mail & endorse outgoing mail

Moved Jennifer, Seconded Pixie Passed unanimously

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

3. TREASURER'S REPORT tabled financial report for January (attached)

(Membership Renewals: receipts written)

Pixie moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Seconded Leith Passed unanimously

Kim moved that we write a chq for Maria for \$48 for stamps etc.

Seconded Pixie (all agreed) Chq written

ACTION: MK to send new committee reimbursement form

4. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Receipts for Chantel Schott, Deb Beaumont, Empire Theatres Pty, Ltd, Peter Dobe Pepperina Gallery Still wondering about chq from AGM for single membership from Geoff Dixon Homes - still a mystery. Possibly: Helen Hancock Action: Maria to check membership list and contact Helen Hancock to see if this is the case..

5. WEBSITE – many thanks Dana for updating and informing members of events via email newsletters from gmail account.

6. PRESIDENTS REPORT

COMMITTEE RESIGNATIONS AND MAINTAINING MOMENTUM

Last meeting saw the resignation of ACT V.P. Don Hildred and the election of Kim Besley Scott Chelle McIntyre has resigned as a committee member due to other commitments.

Leith Lethbridge also indicated that she has netball on Monday nights so would not be able to attend regularly but is still willing to email the electronic mail for the agenda. Discussion about Secretarial role - Leith no longer avail on regular Monday night but still prepared to do electronic mail. Wendy is also away helping with floods.

QAC Committee roles form was passed around – necessary to let them know of any role changes. JWS will wait until she has spoken to Wendy before proceeding with any changes to the QAC form re the Secretarial role.

ACTION JWS to contact Wendy to see if she would be happy for Mary-Kate to take on Secretarial role again or if

she wants to continue with the role. Those present agreed to this change unanimously.

ACTION: JWS to finalise and post QAC committee roles form

ACTION: Kim to ask Tourist Centre for a letter of Support for Grant Applications

General discussion about the flood funding.

Geoff McDonald from Tmba Chamber of Commerce wants to know more about ACT Splashing Back - Kim offered to go to the next Chamber of Commerce meeting ACTION: Kim to ask for a letter of support for Splashing back

7. OTHER BUSINESS

ROCO status – JWS explained that it is on track with all three signatories now on the bank account Kerry Shine, Allan Bruce and Glenda and a letter posted and email set answering their queries, awaiting approval.

GRANT APPLICATIONS – discussion – need to apply for 4 different grants for the Flood Marker project.

Guests: Robyn Kavanagh and Pam Cleland

Robyn - Sexuality and relationships counselor for people with disabilities

Pam - drama teacher for people with disabilities

Robyn spoke about a collaboration they are working on.

Goal - to send the message to parents of people with disabilities, service providers and general public that it is ok to talk about relationships between people with disabilities, using drama thereby giving the disabled people themselves a voice.

Pam runs Butterflies Theatre group - funded through Spiritus, weekly workshops with public performance. Also works for Endeavour foundation, Family Planning, and travels to regional cities running drama classes with people with disabilities. One way to depersonalise/distance the roles for disabled people is using the medium of puppetry.

Goal is to generate a dialogue about relationships for people with disabilities.

Robyn indicated that they are partnering with Assert services (Hill St)

Stage 1- funding secured run workshops

Stage 2 - TRC council funding for Pam to write script

Stage 3 – seeking funding for performance and rehearsals - RAF QAC Letitia Norton suggested they contact ACT.

JWS suggested that they do not need us to auspice as they are an enc. body. What do they propose be the relationship with ACT? JWS outlined benefits of association with ACT, mentioned our relationship with Clubhouse artists and "What is Blue?", and visually impaired artist members.

Perhaps some of our members would be interested in set design. Another suggestion was Empire Theatre (Kerry Saul), the Grid - Artist run initiative - circus, dance, installation (Alison Mooney) both members might be interested in being involved. ACT could offer our website to promote events etc. & help with press releases (high success rate with Chronicle). Robyn - wondered if ACT could help with the evaluation of the project afterwards. JWS spoke of Arts Yakka & how inclusion of critical feedback would be beneficial to any grant application.

Audience survey suggested. Photography (usually \$60-p/hr) & video of the process - include 'documentation' in grant (Zelda Richardson, the Grid). Perhaps a printed Program. Robyn will send a copy of the application before they request a letter of support form ACT. Maria's contact email exchanged with Robyn. The goal is to stage a produceion this year.

Inaugural ACTers award - Pixie has offered to make a silk scarf. Jennifer is making a stainless steel base with engraving Kim to take home and mull over.

NEXT MEETING: 20 February 2012 CLOSE OF MEETING 6.47pm