

Minutes
Northwest Minnesota Arts Council
September 15, 2022, Board Meeting

Members Present: Chris Lane, Emily Kuzel, Karlace Taylor, Mary Ann Laxen, Deb Alexander, and Sandy Seregin.

Members Absent: Kate Mulvey, Therese Jacobson, Jaimie Snowdon, Rena Bouchard, and Mary Beth King.

Staff Present: Mara Hanel.

Call to Order: Chair Lane called the meeting to order at 5:00.

Hanel reviewed the open meeting procedure, the mission and vision of the Arts Council and the conflict-of-interest procedure.

Minutes: Motion by Kuzel/Taylor to approve the June 23, 2022, minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial and Administrative:

Motion by Alexander/Laxen to approve the payment of the bills. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kuzel/Laxen to approve the FY 2022 year end financials. Motion carried unanimously.

Grant Applications:

Motion by Laxen/Kuzel to approve the following grant applications. Conflict of interests were recorded. Motion carried unanimously.

SAA class: 55011 GR Arts Project Grant Regular

- ARTS 2301: East Polk Heritage: Ivy Bailie Mural \$3,000
- ARTS 2302: City of Argyle: Jensen Sisters \$810

ACHFAAA class: 55015 GR Arts Legacy Gen Op

- OP 2301: Thief River Falls Area Comm Theater \$12,000

ACHFAE Class: 55014 GR Legacy Residency

- SD 2301: Tri-County SD: Spoken Word \$2,600
- SD 2302: Red Lake Co Central SD: Spoken Word \$2,600
- SD 2303: Roseau SD: Visual \$3,000
- SD 2304: Stephen/Argyle SD: Visual \$3,000
- SD 2305: Warroad SD: Music \$3,000

McKnight Class: 55023 GR Quick Turn Around

- INDQ 2301: Bert Foster, Thief River Falls \$500

Updates from contract staff on Showcase, Training, Promotion

Show and Tell DEI Assignment: Creative piece from traveling

Arts Council Director Report:

- Committees are state planning, equity, McKnight planning
- Forum of Regional Arts Council's update: accessibility
- Minnesota State Arts Board retreat July 14-15, 2022 update
- Minnesota Citizens for the Arts update on legislator meetings, none in our area
- Next full Arts Council board meeting October 27, at 5:00 in Thief River Falls at NCTC and virtually.

Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned with a motion by Kuzel/Alexander at 6:49 p.m.



Mara Hanel
Arts Council Executive Director

Minutes
Northwest Minnesota Arts Council
October 27, 2022, Board Meeting

Members Present: Chris Lane, Emily Kuzel, Mary Ann Laxen, Jaimie Snowdon, Therese Jacobson, Mary Beth King, and Sandy Seregin.

Members Absent: Kate Mulvey, Karlace Taylor, Deb Alexander and Rena Bouchard.

Staff Present: Mara Hanel.

Call to Order: Chair Lane called the meeting to order at 5:28.

Hanel reviewed the open meeting procedure, the mission and vision of the Arts Council and the conflict-of-interest procedure.

Minutes: Motion by Laxen/Jacobson to approve the September 15, 2022, minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial and Administrative:

Motion by Lane/King to approve the review and payment of the bills and acceptance of the current FY 2023 statement of activity by class report. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Lane/Kuzel to approve the payment of the renewal for business insurance. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jacobson/Laxen to hire Paige Michalski as a student intern for \$15.00 an hour to create a brochure and marketing for the resource rooms for up to 39 hours in 2022 maximum. Motion carried unanimously.

Hanel provided an update on the audit and 990 progress by Brady Martz and Associates. Audit will be presented at the Nov 30 meeting.

Grant Applications:

Motion by King/Kuzel to deem all applicants eligible. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Laxen/Seregin to approve the following grant applications. Conflict of interests were recorded. Motion carried unanimously.

McKnight class: 55021 GR Artist Project	\$5000
INDF 2301 Samantha Thibert, Warroad; ceramics	\$5000
INDF 2303 Megan Sugden, Hallock; photography	\$5000
INDF 2304 Sara Trangsrud, TRF; ceramics	\$5000
INDF 2306 Janet Johnson, Roseau; ceramics	\$5000
Alternate for funding is Cindy Kolling.	
INDF 2305 Cindy Kolling	\$0
INDF 2302 Kathryn Hammer	\$0

Motion by King/Kuzel to approve the following recommended grants. Motion carried unanimously.

McKnight Class: 55023 GR Quick Turn Around

- INDQ 2302: Betsy Saurdiff \$500

ACHFAE Class: 55014 GR Legacy Residency

- SD 2306: Badger SD: Alyssa Aune visual \$3,000
- SD 2307: Grygla SD: Alyssa Aune visual \$3,000
- SD 2308: Warren/Alvarado/Oslo SD: Theater \$2,100
- SD 2303: Roseau Add on: Write on \$2,000

Updates on Showcase, Training, Promotion, Grant deadlines

Arts Council Director Report:

- IDI assessment completion by all staff and board members.
- Staff evaluations in November with recommendations to be acted on for implementation on January 1, 2023. Kotowicz will have her six month probationary review. There are concerns with her performance.
- Biennial planning update on needs assessment progress
- Forum of Regional Arts Council's will have a statewide Board zoom and a staff retreat in FY 2023
- Minnesota State Arts Board and Minnesota Citizens for the Arts update
- Next full Arts Council board meeting November 30, at 5:00 virtually.

Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned with a motion by Kuzel/Laxen at 6:33 p.m.



Mara Hanel
Arts Council Executive Director

Note: Diversity Equity and Inclusion Intro Powerpoint presentation by Hanel followed the meeting for those in attendance at NCTC. Attending were Lane, Kuzel, King, and Seregin. All current board members have completed the Intercultural Development Inventory assessment and had a debrief by Hanel in October 2022.

Minutes
Northwest Minnesota Arts Council
November 28, 2022, Personnel Committee Meeting

Members Present: Chris Lane, Emily Kuzel, Jaimie Snowdon, and Karlace Taylor.

Members Absent: none.

Staff Present: Mara Hanel.

Call to Order: Chair Lane called the meeting to order at 5:15.

Motion by Snowdon/Kuzel to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Current Personnel Policy language and history:

Hanel presented on current wage classifications and the history related to using the Regional Development Commission personnel policy document, when we terminated our relationship, as a template and best practice for wage levels based on duties and equal opportunity pay Minnesota laws. Hanel presented on the 8.7 social security cost of living announcement for 2023 as a reference for the committee.

Hanel excused herself from the meeting for the Board discussion.

Recommendations

Hanel returned to the meeting. Personnel committee members expressed their positive support of Hanel as Executive Director and the high-quality job she is doing since being promoted in September 2020.

Policy Manual: They will be recommending combining Manager I and Manager II classifications to be only called Manager; and combine Program Director II with Executive Director to be only called Executive Director.

They will recommend increasing Hanel's hourly rate (used by payroll) to the Executive rate of \$44.82 thus changing her classification to Executive Director within the parameters set by personnel policy for pay.

They will recommend a 4% cost of living raise to all base amounts.

They will recommend a 3% merit increase for Hanel based on her job performance and work activities this past calendar year. Her hourly rate for payroll purposes will become \$47.95.

The personnel committee will recommend the same benefit package with the same parameters for Hanel going into 2023.

Kotowicz contract

Hanel informed the personnel committee that she had conducted Brittany Kotowicz' six-month review and based on her lack of ability to do written communication tasks Hanel has let Kotowicz go as an office assistant. She was working 64 hours a month and there just were not enough tasks that she could accomplish with her lack of skill set.

Hanel presented a contract to hire Kotowicz for minimal tasks related to the resource rooms, office cleaning, and bank deposits at approximately 5 hours a week from December 1, 2022 until June 30, 2023. After further discussion the Personnel Committee is deciding to recommend not hiring Kotowicz as a contract employee.

Hanel will not advertise for a replacement and see how busy it gets this Spring and use student interns of Vela and Michalski for routing tasks. Hanel will also reach out to the building cleaning person to see if we can have more cleaning in our office areas each week.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Mara Hanel
Arts Council Executive Director

Minutes
Northwest Minnesota Arts Council
November 30, 2022, Board Meeting

Members Present: Chris Lane, Emily Kuzel, Jaimie Snowdon, Mary Beth King, Karlace Taylor, and Sandy Seregin.

Members Absent: Kate Mulvey, Therese Jacobson, Mary Ann Laxen, Deb Alexander and Rena Bouchard.

Staff Present: Mara Hanel.

Call to Order: Chair Lane called the meeting to order at 6:00.

Hanel reviewed the open meeting procedure, the mission and vision of the Arts Council and the conflict-of-interest procedure.

Minutes: Motion by King/Snowdon to approve the October 27, 2022, minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Lane/Taylor to approve the November 28, 2022 Personnel Committee and Planning Meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial and Administrative:

Motion by Kuzel/Lane to approve the payment of the bills. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Lane/Kuzel to approve the Arts Activity by Class and Financial Position and Budget vs Actual reports for FY2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Snowdon/King to accept the FY 2022 audit, 990 and charitable annual report for the State of Minnesota. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kuzel/Lane for Personnel Policy change to combine Manager I and Manager II classifications; and combine Program Director II with Executive Director and additions to benefits section based on auditor's recommendations. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Lane/Taylor to approve the personnel committee wage recommendations including a 4% cost of living change to base amounts for all staff including contract staff starting January 1, 2023 and a reclassification of Hanel to Executive Director level within the manual. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Lane/Taylor to not approve a contract with Brittany Kotowicz. Motion carried unanimously.

Grant Applications:

Motion by King/Kuzel to deem all applicants eligible. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Laxen/Seregin to approve the following grant applications. Conflict of interests were recorded. Motion carried unanimously.

ACHFAE funding class: 55014 GR Legacy Residency

SD 2301	Tri-County SD: Arnold residency	\$2,770
SD 2302	Red Lake CC SD: See More residency	\$2,475
SD 2304	Stephen/Argyle SD: Domask residency	\$2,600
SD 2305	Warroad SD: Rendon and Coulson residency	\$3,000

ACHFAAA funding class: 55014 GR Legacy Residency

SD 2303	Roseau SD: Peters residency	\$2,065
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SAA funding class: 55012 GR Arts Equipment for Schools

SD 2309	Red Lake Falls SD: keyboard	\$3,000
SD 2310	Marshall Co Central SD: keyboard	\$3,000
SD 2311	Goodridge SD: Pugmill	\$3,000
SD 2312	EGF SD: theater lights	\$3,000
SD 2304	Stephen/Argyle SD: baritone sax	\$3,000
SD 2306	Badger SD: art cart	\$170
SD 2308	Warren/Alvarado/Oslo SD: microphones	\$3,000
SD 2301	Tri-County SD: chimes	\$2,980

ACHFAAA funding class: 55013 GR Legacy Regular

ARTS 2303	Zehlians: artist residency	\$1,910
ARTS 2304	Sons of Norway	\$3,010
ARTS 2305	City of Roseau: concerts	\$4,000
ARTS 2306	Campbell Library	\$9,990
ARTS 2307	Goodridge Freedom Festival	\$5,670
ARTS 2308	Roseau Co Historical	\$5,700

McKnight class: 55021 GR Artist Project \$5000

INDP 2301	Ben Johnston, Warroad; playwright	\$0
INDP 2302	Wanda Nelson; writing	\$0
INDP 2303	Aliza Novacek-Olson, Roseau; textiles	\$1500
INDP 2304	Kathryn Hammer, Roseau; ceramics	\$1500
INDP 2305	Cindy Kolling, Gully; visual	\$1500
INDP 2306	Erin O'Neil, E Grand Forks; music	\$1500

McKnight Class: 55023 GR Quick Turn Around

INDQ 230	Donald KaKaygeesick, Warroad	tabled
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ACHFAAA Class: 55015 GR Legacy Gen Op

OP 2302	Stephen Arts Council	\$3,000
OP 2303	Fosston Library Arts Association	\$6,000

Updates on Showcase, Training, Promotion, Grant deadlines

Biennial Planning occurred during the meeting.

Arts Council Director Report:

- NWMAC staff evaluation and planning update occurred.
- Forum of Regional Arts Council's will have a statewide Board zoom and a staff retreat in April 2023.
- Minnesota State Arts Board and Minnesota Citizens for the Arts update. Arts action week is March 20-25, 2023 with legislator zoom sessions.
- Next full Arts Council board meeting March 23, 2023, at 5:00 virtually.

Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned with a motion by Kuzel/Snowdon at 7:12 p.m.



Mara Hanel
Arts Council Executive Director

Note: Diversity Equity and Inclusion Intro Powerpoint presentation did not occur after this meeting.

Minutes
Northwest Minnesota Arts Council
March 23, 2023 Board Meeting

Members Present: Chris Lane, Emily Kuzel, MaryAnn Laxen, Karlace Taylor, Stephenie Anderson, Mary Beth King, Jaimie Snowdon.

Members Absent: Therese Jacobson, Sandy Seregin, Kate Mulvey, Deb Alexander, and Rena Bouchard.

Staff Present: Mara Hanel.

Call to Order: Chair Lane called the meeting to order at 5:03.

Hanel reviewed the open meeting procedure, the mission and vision of the Arts Council and the conflict of interest procedure.

Minutes: Motion by King/Laxen to approve the November 30, 2022 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial and Administrative:

Motion by Lane/Kuzel to approve the payment of the bills. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Laxen/Kuzel to approve the Arts Activity by Class Report, FY2023 Budget/Actual Comparison, and Balance Sheet. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Anderson/Taylor to appoint Wade Benson of Thief River Falls to the Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Laxen/Snowdon to approve the biennial plan submission and budget for FY 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Anderson/Taylor to approve hiring Karen Goulet of Bemidji as juror for the Northwest Minnesota Art Exhibit in Middle River for \$250.00 plus mileage. Motion carried unanimously.

Art Semi-permanent gallery purchases tabled until June meeting.

Motion by Taylor/Kuzel to authorize computer purchase for Hanel. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Anderson/Taylor to authorize payment of mileage and hotel lodging for Everett and Eggerling for the Forum staff retreat. Motion carried unanimously.

Grant Applications: Motion by Laxen/Taylor to approve the grant recommendations as listed below. Motion carried unanimously.

55013 GR Arts Legacy Regular ACHF AAA

- OP 2301 Thief River Falls Community Theater \$16,000
- OP 2303 Fosston Comm. Library & Arts Assoc \$23,000
- ARTS 2309 Marshall Co Historical Society: music, storytelling \$2,105
- ARTS 2310 City of Arygle: mural \$10,000
- ARTS 2311 Sand Hill Settlement Historical Society: children's theater \$1,640
- ARTS 2312 Warroad Community Partners: concerts (tabled, COI King)
- ARTS 2313 Marshall Co Fair: entertainment \$4,405
- ARTS 2314 City of Warren: concerts \$5,625
- ARTS 2316 In Progress \$8,500
- ARTS 2319 Polk Co Historical Society \$3,000
- ARTS 2322 Norman Co Historical Society \$1,260
- ARTS 2323 Roseau Co Historical Society \$3,475
- ARTS 2326 City of Hallock: concerts \$5,155
- ARTS 2327 GFWC Zehlians: mural \$2,700
- ARTS 2328 Win-E-Mac Alumni Association/Robert Houle: Women of Blues \$6,480 (partial funding and requirement of fiscal sponsor)

55013 GR Arts Legacy Regular ACHFACH

- ARTS 2315 Assoc of the French of the North \$10,000
- ARTS 2316 In Progress \$1,500
- ARTS 2324 Polish Natl Alliance: festival \$3,000

55011 GR Arts Project SAA

- ARTS 2317 Norman County Fair \$2,250
- ARTS 2318 Crookston Area Senior's Assoc \$2,400
- ARTS 2320 North Country Fiddle and Dance: \$3,000
- ARTS 2321 Louisville Foundation: \$1,190
- ARTS 2325 Ada Chamber of Commerce: festival \$2,600

55014 GR Arts Residency ACHF AE

- SD 2314 Win-E-Mac School District \$2,600
- SD 2313 Crookston School District \$3,000
- SD 2301 Tri-County School District \$2,500

55014 GR Arts Residency ACHF AAA

- SD 2303 Roseau School District \$2,475

55015 GR Arts Legacy Gen Op ACHF AAA

- OP 2304 Summer Arts Stages \$9,000
- OP 2305 Warroad Summer Theater \$12,000

55022 GR Quick Turn Around Grant MCKNIGHT

- INDQ 2303 Wanda Nelson \$500

- INDQ 2304 Alyssa Aune \$500
- INDQ 2305 Myren Anderson \$500

Of the Year Awards: Tabled to April 4 special meeting.

Arts Council Director Report included grant deadline of May 1, showcase, promotion, and discussion on statewide issues related to the Forum and MSAB.

Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.



Mara Hanel
Arts Council Executive Director

Minutes
Northwest Minnesota Arts Council
April 4, 2023 Board Meeting

Members Present: Chris Lane, Therese Jacobson, Kate Mulvey, Karlace Taylor, Stephenie Anderson, Jaimie Snowdon.

Members Absent: Emily Kuzel, Mary Beth King, Sandy Seregin, MaryAnn Laxen, Deb Alexander, and Rena Bouchard.

Staff Present: Mara Hanel.

Call to Order: Chair Lane called the meeting to order at 4:03.

Hanel reviewed the open meeting procedure, the mission and vision of the Arts Council and the conflict of interest procedure.

Of the Year Awards: Motion by Jacobson/Taylor to approve the following. Motion carried unanimously.

- Bonnie Stewart of Fosston for Arts Advocate \$500 SAA funding
- Debbie Aune of Gatzke for Artist of the Year \$500 McKnight funding
- Cathy Erickson of Middle River for Northwest Star lifetime achievement \$5,000 McKnight funding

Note: Randy Larson of Gatzke, Loreen Hanson of Thief River Falls, and Betsy Saurdiff of Grygla were not given awards this year.

Adjournment: 4:35 PM



Mara Hanel
Arts Council Executive Director

Minutes
Northwest Minnesota Arts Council
May 18, 2023, Board Meeting

Members Present: Chris Lane, Kate Mulvey, Therese Jacobson, Deb Alexander, Jaimie Snowdon, Karlace Taylor, Wade Benson, and Stephenie Anderson.

Members Absent: Emily Kuzel, Sandy Seregin, Rena Bouchard, Mary Ann Laxen and Mary Beth King.

Staff Present: Mara Hanel.

Call to Order: Chair Lane called the meeting to order at 4:02.

Hanel reviewed the open meeting procedure, the mission and vision of the Arts Council and the conflict-of-interest procedure.

Minutes: Motion by Taylor/Alexander to approve the March 23, 2023, and April 4, 2023, minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial and Administrative:

Motion by Taylor/Anderson to approve the payment of the bills. Motion carried unanimously.

Grant Applications:

Motion by Anderson/Taylor to approve the following grant applications. Conflict of interests were recorded. Motion carried unanimously.

ACHFAE Class: 55014 GR Legacy Residency

- SD 2315: Ada-Borup SD: Band Tuttle \$2,600

ACHFAAA Class: 55014 GR Legacy Residency

- SD 2316: Kittson Central SD: Lurie \$3,000

ACHFAAA class: 55015 GR Arts Legacy Gen Op

- OP 2306: Middle River Comm Theater \$3,000
- OP 2304: Summer Arts Stages: Stages Add-on \$3,000

ACHFAAA Class: 55013 GR Legacy Regular

- ARTS 2330: Pennington Co Fair: music \$2,475
- ARTS 2331: City of Hallock: Sod House play \$5,000
- ARTS 2333: City of Halstad: Beau Bakken mural \$6,990
- ARTS 2334: EGF Music Boosters: GGFSO \$9,800
- ARTS 2332: Downtown Crookston Development tabled
- ARTS 2329: TRF Chamber of Commerce tabled

Updates from contract staff on Showcase, Training, Promotion

Arts Council Director Report:

- Arts Council is looking for Board members in Red Lake, Norman, and Marshall counties.
- Forum of Regional Arts Council's update
- Minnesota State Arts Board update
- Minnesota Citizens for the Arts update.
- Next full Arts Council board meeting June 29, 2023, at 5:00 in Warren and virtually.

Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned with a motion by Anderson/Taylor at 4:51 p.m.



Mara Hanel
Arts Council Executive Director

Minutes
Northwest Minnesota Arts Council
June 29, 2023, Board Meeting

Members Present: Chris Lane, Emily Kuzel, Wade Benson, Mary Ann Laxen, Kate Mulvey, Therese Jacobson, Deb Alexander, Karlace Taylor, Mary Beth King, and Stephenie Anderson.

Members Absent: Sandy Seregin, Rena Bouchard, and Jaimie Snowdon.

Staff Present: Mara Hanel, Kristin Eggerling, and Trey Everett.

Call to Order: Chair Lane called the meeting to order at 5:00.

Hanel reviewed the open meeting procedure, the mission and vision of the Arts Council and the conflict-of-interest procedure.

All staff and board members introduced themselves and participated in an ice breaker Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) activity where they stated one activity that they will do this summer that helps them learn more about their own culture and one activity that allows them to learn more about a culture that they are curious about... that is different from their culture.

Minutes: Motion by Anderson/Benson to approve the May 18, 2023 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Bills: Motion by Kuzel/Lane to approve the payment of the bills. Motion carried unanimously.

Contract staff annual presentations occurred from Kristin Eggerling as Promotions Specialist and Trey Everett as Showcase Specialist.

Financial and Administrative:

Motion by Laxen/Anderson to approve FY 2023 Arts Activity by Class report; FY 2023 Statement of Financial Position report; and FY 2023 Budget vs Actuals report. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kuzel/Taylor to approve the FY2024 Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Laxen/Anderson to approve signing the FY2024 Fiscal Agent Agreement with the Minnesota State Arts Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kuzel/Taylor to receive another quote for the audit and then have the Executive Committee be able to act between meetings on the lowest bid. Motion carried unanimously. Note: Brady Martz bid at \$6,950 was approved by Exec Committee by email between meetings as lowest bid. Second bid was from Clifton/Larson/Allen.

Motion by Kuzel/Anderson to hire Phil Thompson for 990 tax returns & MN Annual Charities Report at \$900.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Anderson/Alexander to approve FY 2024 contracts with Kristin Eggerling and Trey Everett with a \$.60 merit raise for each and keep Paige Michalski as the student worker until September at \$15.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Benson/Laxen to submit the McKnight Foundation plan by August 1, 2023 requesting \$210,000 for three years. Motion carried unanimously.

Grant Applications:

Motion by Laxen/Taylor to approve the following grant applications. Conflict of interests were recorded. Motion carried unanimously.

SAA Class: 55012 GR Arts Equip

- SD 2315: Ada-Borup SD: Equip Risers Add-on \$3,000
- SD 2316: Kittson SD: Visual Art Equip Add-on \$3,000
- SD 2305: Warroad SD: costumes/instrument add-on \$975

ACHFAAA class: 55013 GR Legacy Regular

- OP 2306: Middle River Theater: Goosefest Add-on \$2,400
- OP 2301: TRF Theater: Legally Blonde Add-on \$6,290
- OP 2303: Fosston FLCAA: Equip Add-on \$3,000
- ARTS 2312: Warroad Community Partners: concerts \$1,350
- ARTS 2332: Downtown Crookston Development: concerts \$2,070
- ARTS 2329: TRF Chamber of Commerce: RiverFest \$0

Note: RiverFest could not show financial need after being tabled so was closed at the end of FY2023.

ACHFAE class: 55014 GR Legacy Residency

- SD 2316: Kittson SD: Safari Add-on \$2,970

ACHFAAA class: 55014 GR Legacy Residency

- SD 2316: Kittson SD: Cox, Nweje, Residencies \$6,000

MCKNIGHT class: 55023 GR Quick Turn Around

INDQ 2306: Donald KaKaygeesick, Warroad \$0

Note: Donald's application was never completed after being tabled so was closed at the end of FY2023.

Annual Meeting Election of Officers: Lane called the annual meeting portion to order and presented the slate of officers. He called for more nominations. None were made. Motion by Laxen/Benson to close nominations. Motion by Jacobson/Laxen to cast a unanimous ballot for Karlace Taylor as Chairman, Jaimie Snowdon as Vice Chairman, Emily Kuzel as Treasurer, and Stephenie Anderson as Secretary. Motion carried unanimously.

Hanel and Board members thanked Lane for his six years of service on the Board and for serving as Chairman in FY 2023. He will be missed.

Hanel presented that Deb Alexander will serve a second three-year term on the Board of Directors ending 06/2026. Vacancies exist in Red Lake, Norman, Pennington, and Marshall counties.

Arts Council Director Report:

- Arts Council: update on the proposed McKnight three-year plan, grant deadline changes to July 31, October 31, Feb 28 and Apr 30 (if funds remain) and training for applicants.
- Forum of Regional Arts Council's update: DEI staff training in Oct in St Cloud with Aamera Siddiqui as a consultant, update on data collection and board member orientation work coming up this year
- Minnesota State Arts Board update: annual retreat in Worthington in July. Hanel does not plan to attend.
- Minnesota Citizens for the Arts update: CREATE venues bill received no funding at the end of the session. MCA is looking for a new lobbyist firm.
- Next full Arts Council board meeting August 24, 2023, at 5:00 virtually. Meetings following are October 19, 2023, and December 6, 2023.

Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned with a motion by Anderson/Taylor at 7:05 p.m.



Mara Hanel
Arts Council Executive Director