



**MINUTES**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
*Tuesday, 16 March 2021, Online*

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DIRECTORS PRESENT: Kjel Alkire, Andrea Arnold, Diane Crane, Laura Helle, Lee Gundersheimer, Levi Livingood, Kara Maloney, Elisha Marin, Jon Swanson

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Drew Medin

STAFF PRESENT: Robin Pearson, Karen Miller

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9:04am Ms. Helle, Board Vice President, called the meeting to order.

Approval of the Agenda

**Mr. Alkire moved and Ms. Arnold seconded approval of this meeting's agenda, with the addition of a petition from Rochester Civic Theatre under Old Business. Motion passed unanimously.**

Approval of the Minutes

**Mr. Gundersheimer moved and Ms. Crane seconded approval of the minutes from the 3 March 2021 Board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.**

Action Committee Report

- Ms. Heller, Mr. Alkire and Mr. Gundersheimer have presented at virtual meetings with groups in Austin and Winona. Earlier this week Mr. Alkire forwarded to all directors information about those presentations.
- The committee invited the other directors to get involved, particularly when presentations are scheduled in their respective counties.

Old Business

- Approval of Biennial Plan  
**Mr. Alkire moved and Ms. Crane seconded approval of the Biennial Plan. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Rochester Civic Theatre Petition  
**Mr. Livingood and Mr. Alkire seconded reinstatement of the Rochester Civic Theatre. Motion passed unanimously.**

New Business

- Approval of Grants

Score	Applicant	Grant	County	Request	Recused
28.20	Catherine Glynn	3821AA	Fillmore	\$3,000	Arnold, Maloney, Gundersheimer
27.60	Katie Cook	3421AA	Olmsted	\$3,000	Arnold
27.44	David Kassler	4021AA	Olmsted	\$3,000	Arnold
27.30	Gao Hong	5321AA	Rice	\$3,000	Arnold
27.10	Daniel Kallman	3921AA	Rice	\$3,000	Arnold
27.00	Maggie Panetta	5721AA	Winona	\$3,000	Arnold, Gundersheimer
26.63	Joy Davis Ripley	3521AA	Winona	\$3,000	Arnold, Gundersheimer
26.60	Leslie Moore	4221AA	Rice	\$3,000	Arnold
26.50	Michael Khuth	4121AA	Olmsted	\$3,000	Arnold
26.13	Amarama Vercnocke	5021AA	Olmsted	\$3,000	Arnold, Helle
25.60	Andrea Mazzariello	5621AA	Rice	\$3,000	Arnold
25.00	Marcia Ratliff	5821AA	Winona	\$1,655	Arnold, Gundersheimer
24.70	Anne George	3721AA	Winona	\$3,000	Alkire, Gundersheimer
24.67	Elizabeth Oness	4621AA	Winona	\$3,000	Gundersheimer
24.50	C Mikal Oness	4521AA	Winona	\$3,000	Gundersheimer
24.40	Susan Hansen	5521AA	Mower	\$3,000	
24.20	Erin Drummond	5421AA	Winona	\$3,000	Gundersheimer
20.10	Shanda Brekke	3321AA	Steele	\$1,500	Marin
19.90	Dylon Starr	4721AA	Olmsted	\$3,000	Livingood
18.60	Dede Esse	3621AA	Olmsted	\$3,000	

- Mr. Alkire moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Catherine Glynn. Motion passed with three abstentions.
- Mr. Gundersheimer moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Katie Cook. Motion passed with one abstention.
- Mr. Gundersheimer moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to David Kassler. Motion passed with one abstention.
- Mr. Alkire moved and Mr. Gundersheimer seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Gao Hong. Motion passed with one abstention.
- Mr. Gundersheimer moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Daniel Kallman. Motion passed with one abstention.
- Ms. Crane moved and Mr. Alkire seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Maggie Panetta. Motion passed with two abstentions.
- Mr. Alkire moved and Mr. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Joy Davis Ripley. Motion passed with two abstentions.
- Ms. Maloney moved and Mr. Alkire seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Leslie Moore. Motion passed with one abstention.

- **Mr. Gundersheimer moved and Mr. Livingood seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Michael Khuth. Motion passed with one abstention.**
- **Mr. Alkire moved and Mr. Gundersheimer seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Amarama Vercnocke. Motion passed with two abstentions.**
- **Ms. Crane moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Andrea Mazzariello. Motion passed with one abstention.**
- **Mr. Alkire moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$1,655 to Marcia Ratliff. Motion passed with two abstentions. It was later decided to fully fund every artist. This amount was raised to \$3,000.**
- **Mr. Livingood moved and Mr. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Anne George. Motion passed with two abstentions.**
- **Ms. Crane moved and Mr. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Elizabeth Oness. Motion passed with one abstention.**
- **Mr. Swanson moved and Ms. Arnold seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to C Mikal Oness. Motion passed with one abstention.**
- **Mr. Alkire moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Susan Hansen. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Livingood moved and Mr. Alkire seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Erin Drummond. Motion passed with one abstention.**
- **Mr. Alkire moved and Ms. Arnold seconded the motion to award \$1,500 to Shanda Brekke. Motion passed with one abstention. It was later decided to fully fund every artist. This amount was raised to \$3,000.**
- **Mr. Gundersheimer moved and Mr. Alkire seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Dylan Starr. Motion passed with one abstention.**
- **Mr. Alkire moved and Mr. Gundersheimer seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Dede Esse. Motion passed with one abstention.**

For the Winter 2021 grant rounds SEMAC awarded grants to 22 applicants representing eight counties for a total of \$63,000 in funding. This includes twenty *Artistic Support for Individual Artists & Culture Bearers* grants for \$60,000, and two previously-awarded *Pandemic Relief for Working Artists & Culture Bearers* grants for \$3,000.

<b>County</b>	<b>Grants</b>	<b>Total Awarded</b>
Dodge	1	\$1,500
Fillmore	1	\$3,000
Freeborn	1	\$3,000
Goodhue	0	0
Houston	0	0
Mower	1	\$3,000
Olmsted	7	\$19,500
Rice	4	\$12,000
Steele	1	\$4,500
Wabasha	0	0
Winona	7	\$21,000
	<b>22</b>	<b>\$63,000</b>

**Mr. Alkire moved and Mr. Swanson seconded the motion to adjourn.**

The Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 9:50am.