



MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, 18 May 2021, Online

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Diane Crane, Laura Helle, Lee Gundersheimer, Levi Livingood, Kara Maloney, Drew Medin, Jon Swanson

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Kjell Alkire, Andrea Arnold, Elisha Marin

STAFF PRESENT: Robin Pearson, Karen Miller

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

Approval of the Agenda

Ms. Crane moved and Mr. Swanson seconded approval of this meeting's agenda, as written. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Gundersheimer moved and Ms. Crane seconded approval of the minutes from the 16 March 2021 Board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report

- The legislative session ended yesterday. A budget was not passed, so a special session will take place in mid-June. RACs will have more information regarding FY22 allocations at that time. Should have needed budget information by the June meeting and at that time will present FY21 wrap up and FY22 projections.
- Spent the month of April reviewing ten regional arts council biennial plans and participating in the two-day review of the plans. All were approved
- Board will return to the normal working meeting schedule for FY22 (August, November, March, May, June). Can schedule additional meetings as needed.
- Board minutes are public documents and are posted on the website, as well as other documents. Contact Karen with questions or concerns about accessing these items.
- Board meeting dates are always posted on the website. In FY22, the RACs have agreed to operate in the spirit of the open meeting law, so SEMARC will make the zoom meeting accessible to the public. The same rules apply as if someone attended in person – no interaction with board unless they have requested in advance to be on the agenda & this was approved by the board ahead of time.

At some point in FY22 the panel will begin meeting via zoom with the same process for the public. Phone in options will be allowed but no video.

- Regarding executive committee for FY22: Ms. Arnold has relocated to Minneapolis, and will leave the board with the June meeting. Ms. Helle's first term expires August 17 and Ms. Maloney's first term will expire November 16. Mr. Medin was asked to continue as treasurer and second check signatory.
- An application was received for the vacancy in Rice County. I will meet with her prior to the June meeting. Several conversations with potential interested individuals for Goodhue County. Additionally, am in contact with several organizations within these counties regarding the vacancies, making deliberate efforts to find qualified BIPOC community members for these strategic positions
- Actively seeking input for the positions of community engagement coordinator, grants coach, and social media/web content manager. The goal is to seek BIPOC individuals. We plan to have contractors in place as soon as possible; initially contacting the videographer recommended by Mr. Swanson.
- We continue to research companies to update/redesign the SEMAC website.

Old Business

- Action Committee Report
 - Presentations were made to Winona City Council, Winona County Commission, Austin Culture & Arts Commission, Mower County Commission, and Austin City Council, so the committee is ready to move on to the next community, asking for volunteers.
 - By August, Ms. Maloney can host presentations in Lanesboro.
 - Ms. Helle cited an artist connection that was made through these meetings.

New Business

- Approval of Arts & Cultural Heritage Grants

Score	Applicant	County	Request	Recused
29.22	Hispanic Outreach Program	Goodhue	\$6,000	
28.67	Southeastern MN Youth Orchestras	Olmsted	\$6,000	
28.63	Minnesota Marine Art Museum	Winona	\$6,000	Swanson, Gundersheimer
28.00	Northfield Healthy Community Initiative	Rice	\$6,000	
27.89	Southeast MN Bluegrass Association	Houston	\$6,000	
27.88	Austin Area Commission for the Arts	Mower	\$6,000	Helle
27.75	Austin Culture & Arts Commission	Mower	\$5,000	Helle
27.63	Winona Symphony Orchestra	Winona	\$6,000	Medin, Gundersheimer
26.89	Frozen River Film Festival	Winona	\$6,000	Gundersheimer
26.67	City of Rochester Music Department	Olmsted	\$6,000	Medin
26.00	Northfield Arts Guild	Rice	\$1,185	
24.89	Med City Arts Festival	Olmsted	\$6,000	
24.56	Lanesboro Arts Center	Fillmore	\$6,000	Maloney
24.11	Mantorville Art Guild	Dodge	\$6,000	Livingood
23.38	Winona Arts Center	Winona	\$4,145	Gundersheimer

- Mr. Medin moved and Mr. Gundersheimer seconded the motion to award \$6,000 to Hispanic Outreach Program of Goodhue County. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Gundersheimer moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$6,000 to Southeastern Minnesota Youth Orchestras. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Medin moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$6,000 to Minnesota Marine Art Museum. Motion passed with two abstentions.
- Mr. Gundersheimer moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$6,000 to Northfield Healthy Community Initiative. Motion passed unanimously.
- Ms. Crane moved and Mr. Livingood seconded the motion to award \$6,000 to Southeast Minnesota Bluegrass Association. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Gundersheimer moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$6,000 to Austin Area Commission for the Arts. Motion passed with one abstention.
- Mr. Gundersheimer moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Austin Culture & Arts Commission. Motion passed with one abstention.
- Mr. Livingood moved and Mr. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$6,000 to Winona Symphony Orchestra. Motion passed with two abstentions.
- Mr. Medin moved and Mr. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$6,000 to Frozen River Film Festival. Motion passed with one abstention.
- Ms. Maloney moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$6,000 to City of Rochester Music Department. Motion passed with one abstention.
- Mr. Gundersheimer moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$1,185 to Northfield Arts Guild. Motion passed unanimously.
- Ms. Maloney moved and Mr. Medin seconded the motion to award \$6,000 to Med City Arts Festival. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Gundersheimer moved and Mr. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$6,000 to Lanesboro Arts Center. Motion passed with one abstention.
- Mr. Gundersheimer moved and Mr. Medin seconded the motion to award \$6,000 to Mantorville Art Guild. Motion passed with one abstention.
- Mr. Medin moved and Mr. Livingood seconded the motion to award \$4,145 to Winona Arts Center. Motion passed with one abstention.
- Approval of Programming Grants for Arts Organizations

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28.33	Northfield Community Education	Rice	\$3,000	
27.63	South Central MN Studio Artour	Rice	\$3,000	

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27.56	Mainspring	Houston	\$3,000	Crane, Maloney
26.67	Southeast MN Federation Music Club	Olmsted	\$3,000	
26.44	Cannon Arts Board	Goodhue	\$3,000	
25.78	Mantorville Theatre Company	Dodge	\$3,000	Livingood
24.44	Celebration of a City (Rochesterfest)	Olmsted	\$3,000	
24.44	Zumbrota Area Arts Council	Goodhue	\$3,000	
24.33	Rochester Civic Theatre Company	Olmsted	\$3,000	Medin, Livingood
22.78	Northfield Troubadours	Rice	\$3,000	
19.22	Saint Charles Public Schools	Winona	\$3,000	Gundersheimer

- **Mr. Gundersheimer moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Northfield Community Education. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Gundersheimer moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to South Central Minnesota Studio ArTour. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Livingood moved and Mr. Gundersheimer seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Mainspring. Motion passed with two abstentions.**
- **Mr. Medin moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Southeast Minnesota Federation Music Club. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Gundersheimer moved and Mr. Medin seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Cannon Arts Board. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Gundersheimer moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Mantorville Theatre Company. Motion passed with one abstention.**
- **Mr. Gundersheimer moved and Mr. Livingood seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Celebration of a City. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Medin moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Zumbrota Area Arts Council. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Swanson moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Rochester Civic Theatre Company. Motion passed with two abstentions.**
- **Mr. Medin moved and Mr. Livingood seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Northfield Troubadours. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Medin moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Saint Charles Public Schools. Motion passed with one abstention.**

For the April grant round SEMAC awarded grants to 26 applicants representing eight counties for a total of \$115,330 in funding. This includes fifteen Arts & Cultural Heritage grants for \$82,330, and eleven Programming Grants for Arts Organizations for \$33,000.

County	Grants	Total Awarded
Dodge	2	\$9,000

County	Grants	Total Awarded
Fillmore	1	\$6,000
Freeborn	0	0
Goodhue	3	\$12,000
Houston	2	\$9,000
Mower	2	\$11,000
Olmsted	6	\$27,000
Rice	5	\$16,185
Steele	0	0
Wabasha	0	0
Winona	5	\$25,145
	26	\$115,330

- Executive Committee elections will be held during the June meeting. As nominations were discussed, it was noted that the terms of two directors will soon be ending. Ms. Helle indicated her desire to serve a second term and to be nominated as president.
- Also on the agenda for June will be further discussion of nominal stipends for directors.

Mr. Medin moved and Mr. Swanson seconded the motion to adjourn.

The Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 9:59am.