

Lansdowne Arts Board @ The 20*20 House

May 9, 2018, 7pm

Minutes

<p>Present: Clare Hughes, Acting Chair Mike Disantowong Stephen Smith Genni Naklicki Susan Williams, <i>Borough Council Liaison</i> Bob Scott, <i>Borough Solicitor</i></p> <p>Minutes submitted by: Hanne Weedon, LAB Coordinator</p>	<p>Absent: Beth Hale</p> <p>Community members: Leigh Jackson Regina Raiford Babcock Angela Thompson Susan Ries</p>
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Opening

- The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM
- The April 2018 minutes were approved with no suggested changes.
- The floor was opened for discussion by community members of the Tyler Report. Ms. Hughes stated that it was likely that the Arts Board would discuss the report at the next LAB meeting. She also stated that it was possible that the plan would be integrated into the Comprehensive Plan. Public meetings would likely be held to discuss the report. In response to a question about how community members' voices might be heard about the report, Ms. Hughes stated that community members were welcome to write to Borough Council if they had thoughts to share. There will also be focus groups around the issue, and members of the community are welcome to enter commentary into the record via the Arts Board meetings.
- A discussion ensued about the lack of diversity of the Tyler meeting, and the Arts Board, and Lansdowne public entities in general. Ms. Hughes spoke about the need to diversify LAB programming and marketing as a means to bring new diversity. A subcommittee addressing diversity was proposed and was then expanded to become a Communications committee. Mike Disantowong agreed to chair the Communications subcommittee.
- An Education subcommittee was proposed, but no members wished to chair the group.

Borough Council and Solicitor Update

- The borough solicitor spoke at length about the board's leadership structure. Mr. Scott said he was attending in order to share information about board positions, and members were welcome to reach out to him with questions. Borough Council is working on a template for all boards to use for creating by-laws.
 - The chair's role is to run meetings (collect agenda items from the group, manage the meetings).
 - The vice-chair's role is to fill in when the chair is not available.
 - The secretary takes minutes, shares the names of who spoke, what they spoke about, lists actions taken, and what was voted on.
 - Positions last for as long as BC decides to re-appoint people to the job, or until someone decides to step down.
- Anytime three or more board members gather to meet, the meeting needs to be publicly advertised.
- Boards may develop their own working rhythms. All board members must be appointed by Borough Council.
- Ms. Hughes stated that the process for joining the board was that any community member may submit a letter of interest to the Arts Board. LAB would vote on recommending the prospect candidate, and then forward the letter to BC to make a final decision on whether the volunteer should be appointed to the Arts Board. Ms. Hughes suggested interested candidates work on a subcommittee for a while before applying to the board. When asked why people have drifted from the board, Ms. Hughes said that issues seemed to be time commitment, misunderstanding of board functions, etc.
- Ms. Reis asked what are LAB's upcoming goals and projects.
- Mr. Disantowong asked what is the connection between LAB and BC. Ms. Williams responded that BC's Economic Development Committee is the oversight committee. Sometimes issues get forwarded directly to BC. Committees present information to BC at the first meeting of the month. Mr. Scott stated that making things happen in government is slow. Meetings do not happen weekly, all the elected officials are part-time volunteers. Ms. Hughes stated that the LAB is an arm of the local government.

VOTE: LAB votes 4/5 (one absent) to nominate Clare Hughes as LAB chair.

VOTE: LAB votes 4/5 (one absent) to nominate Mike Disantowong as LAB vice-chair.

VOTE: LAB votes 4/5 (one absent) to recommend to BC that the position of secretary be added.

New Business

Inside Out

- Two pieces of the Philadelphia Art Museum's community posters program have been donated to Lansdowne. The LAB was tasked with suggesting a site for the pieces.

VOTE: LAB proposes to BC that the artwork be placed in the 20th Century Club and the Library. The Camille Pissarro replica is recommended to be at the 20th Century Club, and the Paul Cézanne replica to be at the library.

Old Business

125th Anniversary show

- Ms. Hughes and Ms. Naklicki offered to co-lead LAB oversight of the show.
- Mr. Disantowong agreed to oversee Penn Wood High School show. Ms. Williams stated that the Borough would cover the cost of volunteers getting state child abuse clearances.
- Mr. Disantowong and Mr. Smith agreed to oversee the Gerard Brown show.
- Ms. Hughes agreed to oversee the Friday, December 14 Christmas Carol programming.
- LAB will decide on Jodi Thorckmorton show dates at a later time.

VOTE: LAB votes 4/5 (one absent) to have each of these shows be overseen by the various LAB members.

Creative Women of Lansdowne show

- Ms. Hughes stated that in general, Borough boards do not thank BC. Any individual may send a thank you letter to BC. BC meetings are open to the public. Ms. Hughes stated that she has spoken with most members of BC about the Creative Women Show.

VOTE: votes 4/5 (one absent) to have matted and framed postcards from the *Cold Polished Stones* and *Creative Women of Lansdowne* gallery shows at the following sites: 20*20 House, Borough Hall, the Library, and the High School.

Administrative

- Coordinator's update - no discussion.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 pm.
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Next Meetings - Next meetings will be on the 2nd Wednesdays of each month at 7pm, at the 20*20 House: July 11, August 8, September 12, etc.