

Williamsburg Area Arts Commission

MINUTES

Thursday, September 23, 2015

2:32 p.m.

City of Williamsburg Municipal Building, Second Floor Conference Room

Call to order: Jennings

Roll call: Lilly, Jennings, Branch-Smith, Brown, Caviness, Myers, Nurnberger, Rublein, and Wolfe.

Jennings introduced Charles Nurnberger, new WAAC commissioner from York County who is filling the spot left open by Sheila Myers. Nurnberger is Vice President for finance and administration at Thomas Nelson University. Charles remarked that he sees an opportunity for more arts to happen when barriers are removed. He sees WAAC as an organization that can aid in removing barriers.

For the WAAC Arts Moment, Jennings delivered kudos for the bike event held in mid-September. "Well done," she said.

Corrections to the minutes (which are now posted online): Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 4th and the correct name of Williamsburg's accordion group is Accordion Renaissance, not Accordion Players.

Minutes from July 2015's meeting were accepted. (Brown, Wolfe.)

Terry Buntrock, our guest for the afternoon, spoke about four projects she's working on.

1. The Artisan Center of Virginia Trail Map
2. James City County's efforts to attract grant money
3. The outdoor art space in and near Williamsburg's arts district
4. A new nonprofit that will raise money for arts advertising

Old Business

1. Rich Saunders has completed a grantee compliance review for liaisons to discuss with their arts organizations.

2. Commissioners are to review changes to paperwork as submitted by Rublein and Caviness. Return all changes to Rich by October 5.
3. All WAAC commissioners are to check their info online to ensure it's correct.
4. Send all correspondence about tickets and other announcements to Rich for him to disseminate to all.
5. Jennings will develop talking points for the upcoming Cultural Alliance Arts Commission meeting. Also, Branch Smith is judging the Alli Awards in October.
6. We will run a Gazette ad re: the due date for applications to 2016-2017 WAAC grants. The secretary usually takes care of this job, so Rich will get in touch with Branch Smith to discuss.
7. January 8's grant review meeting will be held in the second-floor conference room.

New Business

1. Rublein and Smith will develop wording suggesting ways that funded arts organizations can acknowledge the Williamsburg Area Arts Commission.
2. Commissioners reviewed their arts and liaison experiences for the past two months.
 - Lilly
 - Williamsburg Consort — W&M bookstore upstairs
 - Wolfe
 - VA Symphony — at Lake Matoaka
 - Leek
 - Williamsburg Consort
 - Williamsburg Players
 - Branch Smith
 - Williamsburg Players — City of Angels
 - Virginia Symphony opening — Ferguson Center
 - Virginia Shakespeare Festival — two summer plays
 - Virginia Opera — Orpheus in the Underground
 - Arc — still reaching out, because there's a new director
 - Nurnberger
 - Nothing
 - Brown
 - Virginia Symphony with Benjamin Rouse
 - Opera in Williamsburg — event Oct 22 at Gulay Berryman's ribbon cutting
 - Opera Oct 30th and Sunday the 1st of Nov.
 - WHRO
 - Rublein
 - Meeting with Jim Rice from Accordion Renaissance
 - Jennings
 - Institute for dance just getting started for the year

- New executive director for Youth Orchestra
- Virginia Opera — Orpheus in the Underground
- Caviness
 - Williamsburg Music club getting ready for its season
 - Flute Frenzy is getting ready for holiday season
 - First Night of Williamsburg is taking a different tack this year by soliciting community donations
 - Tidewater Classical Guitar — we'll get calendar of events
 - Occasion for the Arts — new artistic director. There's a new process for selecting artists. A different kind of show.

3. Next planned meeting is November 5th at 9 am, Municipal Building, in second-floor conference building.

4. Motion to amend the minutes as noted above. (Brown, Leek)

4:30 pm

1. Motion to Adjourn. (Wolfe, Leek)