

Northampton Arts Council

11 April 2023

Meeting was remotely held on Zoom

Present: Brian Foote, Garrett Williams, Jo Ella Tarbuton-Springfield (Jada), Kaye Carroll, Jesse Hassinger, Mi Belitsky, Alyona Skripka, Eamonn Edge, Pete Olsen, Anna Polesny joined late at 7:28pm

Regrets: Dana Osterling, Danielle Amodeo, Thulani Davis

Municipal Meeting for the month of April

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm.

Reading public comment letters:

https://drive.google.com/drive/u/2/folders/1q9FmFukMQNh2ubJ11WBHC6HqF6RoFQ_9

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bgwXxJFv58FMgTI4V0t-OaJVYr-zt6st/edit>

No public is in attendance outside of the council members

Meeting has commenced at 7:15pm

Review and approve minutes from 3/14/23 - Jesse makes a motion to approve the minutes with no amendments; Garrett seconds; votes yay: Garrett, Jesse, Mi, Alyona, Jada, Eamonn, Peter, Kaye; votes nay: none. Minutes approved with no amendments.

7:20 - Poet and Youth Poet Laureate updates

Garrett - no major updates for Youth Poet Laureate, things are moving forward and a press release is imminent;

Jesse - Poet Laureate no major updates;

Brian, Garrett, and Jesse will schedule a meeting to further schedule.

7:24 - ArtsEZ

Brian update on ArtsEZ grant; open application Friday, April 14th with a deadline of May 19th for applications. Kaye asks if the scoring rubric and process will be the same as the fall grant round, Brian agrees and offers printouts for anyone to view.

7:26 - Upcoming events: BowBow Ball (<https://www.northamptonartscouncil.org/2023/02/the-bow-bow-ball-j-scott-brandon-grant.html>), KidsBestFest (<https://www.northamptonartscouncil.org/2023/02/kidsbestfest-2023.html>), Power of Truths (<https://www.poweroftruths.org/>)

Brian updates on upcoming events over the rest of April with asks for council-members to attend and/or volunteer at any of these.

7:28 - Anna Polesny joins the meeting.

7:32 - New business

Garrett asks to follow-up on the artists' engagement party that was mentioned at a previous meeting; the idea is to get the grant recipients together, not just the winners, but everyone who submitted, so that we can offer a place, irl, to be able to offer a gathering place for communication and celebration. Peter asked for some parameters around planning this, Brian offered a budget of \$1,500 for a gathering to happen around Northampton, Florence, or Leeds. Anna, Garrett, Jada, and Alyona have requested to be the steering committee for this and will schedule a meeting.

7:53 - Will we be meeting in person for future Arts Council meetings?

General approval to meet in person; straw poll only four people voted for a firm commitment which isn't enough for Brian to think it worthwhile.

7:56 - Jesse makes a motion to close the meeting; Garrett seconds; votes yay: Garrett, Jesse, Mi, Alyona, Jada, Eamonn, Peter, Anna, Kaye; votes nay: none. Motion passes, meeting closed at 7:57pm.

Jesse Hassinger, Clerk