

SLArts Board Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2007

5:00 pm

844 S. 200 E.

In Attendance: Katy Andrews, Kathy Biele, Amy Wadsworth, Daphne Williams, Rachel Hancock, Shellee Getts, Sarah Scott, Carol Steffens, Jim Harris, Blake Heiner
Excused: Diane Hill, Claire Turner, Karen McLeese, Yvonne Jenkin, Catherine Cargill

Rachel opened the meeting and stated that there weren't enough board members in attendance to do a valid vote on approving minutes or any other issues.

Committee reports:

Carol Steffens talked about the state report on Special Education Services at Salt Lake Arts Academy. It shows many strengths like a positive school climate and parent involvement, but also has recommendations like the need of a speech therapist and documentation of meetings. Carol explained we have two to three children in resource right now who could use speech therapy and that the school had tried various routes to get a speech therapist, but had no luck so far.

Gala: Daphne talked about gala ticket availability: the Friday gala sold around 230 tickets so far. There will be 75 mystery boxes available besides the grand opportunity prices like jewelry and a weeklong stay at a Cabo San Lucas villa or a ranch. The tickets for baskets and triptychs will be \$5.00 or 5 for \$20.00, the grand opportunity tickets will be \$20.00.

Friends gathering: on Thursday a group of Friends of the Arts Academy came over and had a quick get-together with students. The next meeting will be on March 27, then on April 24 to help formulate what the group should look like.

Admissions: parents have until the March 26 to accept. The group shadow day will be before that date, registration papers will be due back in May.

Playground: Amy talked about the landscaping in the playground area, whether to focus on a full basketball court or more grass and/or equipment. Amy wanted some feedback from students before getting bids and hiring a civil engineer. The plan should be announced in May and followed through in August.

A \$50.00 per child assessment at registration would raise \$15,000.00. Amy stated the school was still looking for in-kind donations for the project. Katy pointed out that a repeated approach of parents for money might diminish their willingness to donate quickly. Specific goals may help explain the need for donations better. Sarah had the idea to have bricks with names of sponsors engraved or 'adopted' trees on the

playground. The facility could be used by neighborhood children and be a place for gatherings. This may lead to more possibilities for funding.

It was suggested to invite the wife of the landlord Whitt Lee to the friends meetings.

It was discussed when it would be useful to invite someone to be a board member and to clarify how many members there can be. The board should define who the nominating committee and the executive committee is and what functions they have.

Charter school meeting: Rachel attended the charter school meeting and reported on a few changes: there are new requirements to follow and an increase in per pupil funding. Funding for charter schools will be close to parity with public schools. Katy reminded everyone that charter schools have more expenses than public schools since they have to pay for facilities themselves. So the goal should be to get more funding for charter schools. Rachel mentioned there would be more analysis of the legislation changes at the next meeting. Also there should be a vote on updated bylaws next month.

New business: It was recommended to hire the same attorney like the Guadalupe School. Daphne talked to Guadalupe School whose attorney writes a letter for them which we can use for our purposes. It was suggested not to waste any more time on this topic so shortly before the gala.

Board members: Mandy Evans will not be on the board in the future.

PLA: Katy volunteered to report on the PLA meetings. It was mentioned that the PLA president would be a good liaison between the SLArts board and the PLA and could attend board meetings.

Renewing terms: Catherine suggested renewing Katy's term, but there wasn't enough attendance to vote.

There will be a charter school board meeting on April 17, 2007 from 3:30pm to 8 pm. There will also be a charter school conference in American Fork on June 11, 2007.

Meeting adjourned until April 16 at 5 pm.