

Salt Lake Arts Academy
Board Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2005

In attendance: Diane Hill, Darryl Barrett, Katy Andrews, Sarah and Jeff Scott, Karen McLeese, Wanda Gayle, Ruby Chacon, Katherine Biele, Rachel Hancock, Joaquin Mixco, Claire Turner, Amy Wadsworth, Shellee Getts, Maxine Margaritis and Marti Major.

1) Joaquin Mixco, Student Council President, was invited to give his report as President of the Student Council.

School has started and everything is going more smoothly than we had hoped. He feels happy about school and senses lots of support for the school from all the students. Morale is high.

The Villages structure that each humanity class is experiencing is going well as they study the development and evolution of civilizations.

He did point out the need for the eighth graders to have a context to be with each other so they can get to know each other as a class. No activities or classes are organized that is specific to eighth graders.

Then he and Jane Walsh introduced Joaquin Mixco Sr. who has been teaching in Mrs. Walsh's humanities classes as an Artist in Residence. He shared with the board the scope and some of the results of his work. He was met with much appreciation and support for his work from the board.

2) Welcome – Diane Hill, Board President

Minutes from last meeting approved.

We now have email and the Internet at school! All board members please to submit committee reports via email to Marti Major on the Friday before each Board Meeting.

The lease on our new site is finally signed (gratitude to Katy Andrews) and our move date looks to be moved out to April, during Spring Break. Shellee will be working with the construction company to manage the building renovations. Negotiations underway to extend our agreement allowing us to stay at 275 E 200 South the extra 2 or three months.

Ruby Chacon has accepted our invitation to join the board, and will be working with Claire Turner and Darryl Barrett on Community Outreach. We still need another 1 or two members. Discussion followed about what kind of member, i.e. a well-connected lawyer. Names were exchanged and a motion to setup a recruitment committee was accepted. Diane Hill will head up the committee working with Darryl, Amy and Jeff Scott.

Discussion followed about how charter schools have to pass the same financial requirements as district supported schools, although we have no state supported resources. Kathie Biele was acknowledged for her lobbying efforts.

3) Sarah Scott, Treasurer

Profit Loss Statement Review, all board members had a copy of her analysis. They appreciated and accepted her reports.

Next month we will have actual Budget and this needs to be approved.

The Balance sheet reflects a \$92,000 reserve which is being saved for facilities and Summer Payroll.

4) Katy Andrews – Annual Campaign

It's great to have a paid professional Development Director, Maxine Margaritis. We are running an Annual Campaign which has raised \$12,500 so far.

Planning for Gala Event: Masonic Temple, March 16th and 17th, 6:30 to 9:00. Menu from La Caille. Jeff Scott volunteered to host a small group of sponsors at Alta Club.

5) Amy Wadsworth, Chief Administrating Officer

Reports that Joaquin Mixco pretty much covered all her topics. See CAO report.

6) Shellee Getts, Business Manager

Moving ahead with renovations, meeting with the construction company. We are planning for completion of renovations and moving in April. We move after the Gala on April 19th, which is the Wednesday of our Spring Break.

Diane Hill volunteered board members to serve on a Renovations Committee. Declined. Deemed unnecessary at this point.

The Annual Financial Report, as required by the state, passed state inspection.

7) Wanda Gayle, Admissions

Admissions efforts were opposed by a perfect storm of adverse recruiting conditions. Not knowing where our school would be located as well as the political struggle over the Old Main Library and it's publicity, created a situation where we had many parents turning down the invitations to enroll their children in our school. Her report proposed three suggestions or recommendations, which the board accepted. Could we insist on a non-refundable deposit when their child is accepted for enrollment? Board to vote on fee amount/spring collections and institute this as policy.

Wanda emphasized that our web site is broken and we need to put serious effort and resources into repairing it. Also, we need to produce lots of positive public relations.

The site will be up and running by end of October.

