

**Tuesday, February 2, 2021**

**Minutes of regular online meeting of the Stowe Arts & Culture Council**

In attendance: Rachel Moore, Chair; Lynn Paparella, Vice Chair, Kelly Holt, Mort Butler, Sharon Harper, Charlotte Maison-Kastner, and Hope Sullivan, Clerk

Absent: Meghan Reichelt and Shawn Kerivan

Pre meeting discussion on transition from community to town board. Rachel clarified that we no longer collect dues. Mort requested guidelines about what can/can't be posted on Facebook.

Meeting was called to order at 9:05AM by Rachel Moore.

**Item 1: Minutes, Updates and Reports**

On a motion duly seconded the minutes of the Jan 5, 2021 meeting were approved.

Rachel suggested circling back to Tom about Facebook, website, and membership at the next meeting. In meantime Mort will post all arts and culture-y activity in Stowe and next meeting can confirm. Will also ask him about terms to use – not members anymore.

Rachel suggested holding off on updates and action items and instead discuss no language in town plan on arts and culture. See about anti-racism training for the town. Be in touch with Stowe police and see about their training. So that when things come up there's already a policy and values statement to look back on. Great idea to have conversation with Charles at next meeting or in between to see what support we can give.

Group discussed how far SACC should go in leading conversation around values statement for the town and/or trainings etc. Some concern that trainings in particular would be 'mission creep'. Current Stowe Vibrancy discussion regarding updating the town "Stowe 2020" plan was discussed, and wanting to make sure that arts and culture are front and center in that discussion. Suggested to invite Carrie Simmons from the SAA to join meeting where this is discussed as well. Anti-racism work being done by organizations through our actions/events will help build the message. Might help in future meeting to define our values and how we might do that in programming, as a group.

Hope will find Stowe 2020 plan and send to Rachel to confirm same as town plan she was referring to. Prior plan some SACC members were informally part of (Rachel, Lynn, etc) to make sure arts were mentioned. Important to be part of next Stowe plan. And for SACC organizations to have access to knowledge and training... Maybe can tie with SAA and for orgs that don't have a more natural path to that kind of programming can unify that value system by collaborating on programming. Add tab to website with resources for each of our 5 goals.

On agenda for next time, dig into our values. And come up with values statement that reflects our 5 goals. Each board member asked to come to meeting with some prepared suggestions for value statements.

Is our meeting scheduled to same time/day as town meeting? Rachel reaching out to Tom to see about moving our meeting and Charles to join for last 15 minutes. For questions to ask Charles we'll each bring some to the meeting to discuss before he joins.

Rachel will ask Tom if we can move our meeting to March 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **Item 2: Discuss Marketing & Upcoming Events**

Sharon updated that SAA is welcoming SACC as a member officially.

Kelly updated that the VT Curators Group is doing a good job highlighting our exhibitions and what's happening around the state. Working on a panel discussion Being a BIPOC Artist in VT for March 11.

Charlotte updated that the library is closed to the public but curbside still open.

Hope updated that the Winter Concert Series is ongoing

Lynn attended a seminar on outdoor presenting and will collate info to send out. Now thinking if we have one concert in the meadow will be lucky. VSO thinking at this point no rain date option in person, send link to pre-recorded event. Trying to find another way to do something. Also, from personal piano studio perspective, kids piano recital will be available to the public.

Rachel mentioned we should talk about Stowe Arts Week. Then updated that HDAC doing Exposed this year. Closed right now in the galleries until open with an exhibition in June. Installing new lighting. May or may not have a student art show. Ceramics studio almost finished.

There being no further business, on a motion duly seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 10:02AM.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 9 at 9AM.

Respectfully submitted by: Hope Sullivan