

Minutes of BCA Meeting, June 3, 2020 via zoom at 7.00pm

Present: Daniel Gostin, Amy Emmert, Lea Cohen, Betsy Frauenthal, Stan Trecker, Donna Hollenberg, Peg O'Connell, Ilana Lescohier, Sidney Nolan, Courtney McGlynn

Absent: Sara Erkal, Austin Seeley, Caroline Bowden

Admin: Gillian Jackson

Meeting commenced at 7.10 pm

1. **April 1 Meeting Minutes** – were approved.

2. **Treasurer's Report**

Betsy reported that the poet laureate invoice for \$2,000 had been paid which covers the period April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020. This amount was paid out of the BCA funds but can hopefully be repaid in the next cycle. Otherwise \$16.16 was received in interest income and \$14,000 from the MCC in January for grant distribution.

3. **Grant Program**

The following modifications were requested and approved by Daniel and Gillian, per the motion that was passed at the April 1 meeting:

- Brookline Freelance Players presented their event, Rehearsal for Life, online.
- Continuum Dance: Forage in Park will be presented online. The various dances will be recorded at Larz, with dancers socially distancing. The public will be able to attend and watch, again while practicing masking and social distancing. The program will then be put together to present online.
- John Root has agreed with the library to present Birds, Butterflies and Bees virtually. A date has not been announced.
- Brookline Cherry Blossom Festival has been cancelled.

Any events that did take place can be presented for reimbursement.

4. **Porchfest** - Gillian reported that the 2020 Brookline Porchfest was presented online (a link is available on the BCA website: brooklinearts.org).

5. **Booth Theatre concert** – Gillian reported that the Booth Theatre BCA fundraising concert has been postponed until at least September.

6. **Grantee Reception**

According to the Brookline Library update, it is unclear when Hunneman Hall will be open for community use. Alternative ideas:

- To invite grantees to share their projects online, particularly highlighting problems they encountered with regard to COVID 19.
- Organize a recorded panel discussion to be also put online.

7. **Brookline Open Studios** – Gillian reported that open studios will be virtual for a period of one year, beginning on October 1, 2020 until September 30, 2021. Artists will be given one webpage each to populate with artwork. Brookline Arts Center will use social media platforms to promote.

8. **Town Hall Walls** – Gillian created a slideshow of Rebecca Arnoldi's exhibit and uploaded to the BCA website, since town hall has been closed to the public since March. Due to current uncertainties surrounding COVID, and when town hall will be open to the public again, it is difficult to plan ahead with the THW schedule.

9. **Cultural District** – due to COVID little progress has been made. As soon as it's possible to conduct a walk-through of the district with the MCC, this will be arranged.

10. **Literary Laureate** - The poet laureate/literary laureate program is on hold: there is a need for fundraising but this can't be attempted until local businesses are more financially stable.

11. **Any other Business** – Stan and Peg will draft a statement to address the racial issues that have been highlighted by the Black Lives Matter movement to be placed on the BCA website.

Amy has been researching the Lu Stubbs sculpture that is situated on the plaza of the former New England Arts Institute on Washington Street.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm