March 3, 2008 Board Meeting
Meeting Notes – to be approved

In Attendance:

Ellen Fineberg
Chris Greiner
Jane James
Kay Maneen
Steve McHenry
John McCluggage
Leanne Spees
Deb Thompson

Absent:

Jennifer Murphy Aubin
Russell Grazier, Chair
Blair Hundertmark
Anna Nuttall
Sheila Shea

Also:

Sue Cobler
Ruth Grey
Charlie Griffin

Ellen Fineberg began the meeting at 7:10pm.

1. **Review of Minutes**
   The January 28, 2008 minutes were unanimously approved with one change (correct the spelling of John McCluggage’s name).

2. **Treasurer’s Report**
   a. Leanne Spees presented the board with the budget as of 1/31/08. The operating budget balance remaining is $29,610. $540 in donations was added to the trust fund as unrestricted funds. $431 in interest was also added. $5000 in NEA grant money was paid out for the Arts District Islington Street Study. Leanne also reported that the 990 form is due on 5/15 and will be available for board review at the next meeting.

3. **NHCF Operating Grant Application**
   Sue Cobler reported that she submitted an on-cycle grant to the NHCF for an Art-Speak operating grant for FY 09. The NHCF has reviewed Art Speak’s submitted strategic plan.
4. Task Force Reports
   a. Islington Street Study
      i. Sue reported that recommendations for the Islington Street corridor will be presented to the City Council on March 10th. A public presentation of possible options for the corridor will follow.
   b. Overnight Art Winners
      i. Chris Greiner reported that the Overnight Art jury met and reviewed over 30 applications. He presented the board with the six winners:
         1. Jamie Calderwood
         2. Roger Goldenberg
         3. Nathan Walker
         4. Jeanne Givens
         5. Susan Schwake
         6. Jason Probert
   c. Overnight Art Fundraising
      i. Leanne Spees reported that the cash in hand for Overnight Art is $5902.78 with $3350 in pledges outstanding.
      ii. John McCluggage made a motion with a second by Chris Greiner to send checks to the artists for budgeted fees up to a total of $7200. Chris amended the motion to consider approval of a 7th project. The amendment failed. The original motion passed unanimously.
      iii. A presentation to the City Council of the winning artists will be scheduled.

5. Action Items:
   - The executive council will contact the City Manager to discuss the City’s contribution to Art-Speak for next fiscal year
   - Leanne Spees will continue to work on the 990 form and will hopefully present the 990 at the next scheduled meeting
   - The board was encouraged to attend the Islington street corridor discussion at the City Council chambers.
   - Deb Thompson will be the coordinator for the fundraising of Overnight Art. The board was encouraged to send prospects and amounts pledged to Deb.
   - A document depicting the Overnight Art projects will be emailed to board members this week.

6. Adjournment
   a. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm

Meeting notes taken by Deb Thompson, Secretary
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Art-Speak, City Cultural Commission Board of Directors (alpha order)

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