In Attendance:

Ellen Fineberg, Chair
Russell Grazier
Chris Greiner
Blair Hundertmark
Jane James
Kay Maneen
John McCluggage
Steve McHenry
Anna Nuttall
Sheila Shea
Leanne Spees
Deb Thompson

Absent:

Also:

Sue Cobler

Ellen Fineberg began the meeting at 7:02pm.

1. **Review of Minutes**
   The June 23, 2008 minutes were unanimously approved with a motion by John McCluggage. Correction: Leanne not there John not there. Sue Cobler not there.

2. **Treasurer’s Report**
   Kay Maneen presented the board with a budget as of 7/31/08. See attached report.

3. **Conflict of Interest Policy**
   a. Sue requested that all board members sign and return the “Art-Speak Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form” to submit with annual report to the State of New Hampshire.

4. **Art-Speak Board of Director’s Retreat**
   Ellen – review timeline for retreat. Possible dates to be reviewed with Maria Solari, facilitator: Sept. 29th, Oct. 17th, Oct. 24th, and Oct. 31st are under consideration. 8-2 proposed time.
5. **Art-Speak Board Meeting Date/Time**
   Ellen – requested that the Board review Board meeting day and time. 3rd Monday from 6:30-8:30. Next meeting will be Monday, September 15th.

6. **Task Force Reports**
   a. **Overnight Art**
      i. Chris Greiner reported that Saturday, September 6th, there will be a Meet the Artists Event from 11-2. Board Members were invited to participate and volunteer if possible. Jeanne Givens will be out of town on her honeymoon, so can’t represent her piece. Chris will represent her at her piece. Izzy’s will distribute gift certificates for free ice cream cones to all children who visit all of the pieces of art as part of a Scavenger Hunt. Leanne will contact Chamber of Commerce to notify them. Sue and Chris will distribute posters to publicize event.
      ii. NHCF has a funder interested in purchasing the Giant Ant and donating it to the city. They will write the City Manager a letter requesting that the city receive this donation and then the city council will be asked to accept the public art as a permanent part of the city. The piece will be moved at the City Manager’s discretion in conjunction with Art-Speak.
   b. **Nominating Committee**
      i. Russ: reconvene committee after Board Retreat. Board members were encouraged to send in the board profile that Kay had provided ahead of the retreat.

**Action items:**
- New website hosting company- review
- Talk to Mari Solari re: new retreat dates
- Next meeting Sept. 15 - Second Monday, 6:30pm
- Sept 6 – meet the artists
- Moving de-installation till after City Council meeting re: ant. – late September
- Purcashing of other overnight art projects will be pursued
- Sue will look into nefa grant

7. **Adjournment**
   a. Meeting was adjourned at 8:59pm

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

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