



**Art-Speak**  
CITY OF PORTSMOUTH CULTURAL COMMISSION  
**October 20, 2008 Board Meeting**  
**Meeting Notes**

**In Attendance:**

Ellen Fineberg, *Chair*  
Russell Grazier  
Jane James  
Kay Maneen  
Steve McHenry  
Sheila Shea  
Leanne Spees  
Deb Thompson

**Absent:**

Chris Greiner  
Blair Hundertmark  
Anna Nuttall

**Also:**

Sue Cobler

Ellen Fineberg began the meeting at 6:40pm.

**1. Review of Minutes**

The September 15, 2008 minutes were unanimously approved.  
The Board accepted, with regret, the resignation of John McCluggage.

**2. Treasurer's Report**

Kay Maneen presented the board with a budget as of 9/30/08. See attached report.  
Leanne Spees presented the board with the 990 report for the board's review.

**3. Coordinator's Report**

Sue reported that she attended a satellite meeting of regional arts councils and related organizations in Concord, NH. The meeting was hosted by Judy Rigmont of the NH State Arts Council.

**4. Art-Speak Board of Director's Priorities Review**

Sue reviewed notes from the Board retreat and the Board discussed next steps. After some discussion, it was determined that committees should meet and identify no more than three priorities, along with a timeline for completion of these priorities, to present at



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the next board meeting for discussion. The committees were also asked to consider if one priority would make a good topic for the annual symposium.

The committee chairs were asked to send Sue this information prior to the November board meeting. The Executive Committee will also present a report on any progress made on identifying strategies for achieving financial sustainability.

### 5. **Live/Work Support Policy**

Sue was approached by Lisa DeStefano regarding a potential live/work space mixed-use project. The space committee will meet with Lisa and consider crafting a policy statement regarding our potential support of these projects.

### 6. **Task Force Reports**

#### a. **Overnight Art**

- i. Deb reported that the event for Overnight Art artists and committee members at Sue Cobler's home was successful. The committee received positive feedback from the attending artists regarding the Overnight Art project, although the board was encouraged to identify a specific end date for future projects of this kind.

#### b. **Nominating Committee**

- i. Russ requested that Board Members fill out and return the member profile that was previously emailed. He will schedule a meeting before the next Board Meeting and would like 2-3 non Art-Speak Board Members to serve on the nominating committee. He reported that he is looking to create the next slate of new Board Members to present at the January meeting.

### 7. **Adjournment**

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm.

Meeting notes taken by Deb Thompson, *Secretary*



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Leanne Spees, *Acting Vice Chair*  
Deb Thompson, *Secretary*  
Nancy Carmer, *Ex Officio*  
John Bohenko, *Ex Officio*