



Citizens Board Meeting September 15, 2022

Present: Pam, Susan, Kelley, Collette Kelley, Anju,
Absent:

Chair Report

Excited to get into the new fiscal year checking in with legislators
a lot of change in arts and culture caucus legislators be very strategic moving forward to
work with building new relationships with new legislators

Executive Director Report

Significant activity around budget

Arts & Culture Caucus Update

Nothing to report-Pam has reached out to the caucus with changes several times asking
for a response, and how we can be of service but so far no response
Elections making it difficult to determine when caucus will be fully functions
Hoping Sept will get some response co-chair Pat Brown inactive as he transitions
Could Senator Costa take the lead-looking for

PCA Grants

- AOAP Grant Awarded -received \$26,000-can apply for reimbursement or ask for ahead of time.
- Finalizing NEA Grant-hiccups with change over with Jenny-technical issues (two factor authentication had to redo Sam registration-need DUNS #-is pending can submit \$3,000-4,000 coming in
- Potential Statewide Services Opportunities?

Begin Asset Mapping project-could be beneficial to small organizations

- Pam doing research-work with PCA to

Kelley has completed an asset mapping program-has a website-service communicating how organization can work to better community-helping communities identify resources, including increased DEI attention.

Not sure what committee asset mapping would fall under -or look to a volunteer who is interested. Kelley agreed to help-noted another good aspect is an educational one what is a cultural assets-defining what it is-expanding vision of what a cultural asset is to build better partnerships

Collette noted important to have an internet presence especially to let legislators know that we involved in every community

1. Meet as a board in person committee -come up with clear objectives
2. Break state down to 14 arts districts so we can assist them based on PCA poetry out loud-utilize those state maps
3. let legislators

PA Humanities

PA Sharp Grant-continuing that process another round of the roundtables
Collette asked can continue to show support and continue process of attending roundtables.

Next Road Trip

to Scranton for Scranton Fringe Fest

Arts Advocacy Day Recap (Wed. May 25, 2022)

- Day went well
- schools ended up not being able to attend -
- good presentations/speakers
- got over 200 pieces of literature into the offices
- dance funding into schools-year Citizens got involved went thru

Advocacy 2023

- Plans for advocating for throughout year
- Important to start talking about advocacy efforts for the year

Look to do more b

2022-23 PA Budget Updates/Quarterly Reports

- 2022-23 PA Budget Updates
 - *Appropriations (\$9.59 million)
 - * ARPA Funding (\$15 million)
- Pam showed Quarterly Advocacy Submission-looking for stories to help better advocate. The plan to produce 14 q quarterly reports that collect data and stories correspond to the PCA 14 districts.

- goal to get in legislators hand-both positive and stories about challenge

Membership Discussion

- Next year need to focus on growing our membership
- Partner meeting Oct. 27-Kelley-Pam could possibly be on agenda? Pam to reach out to Jamie Dunlap
- Collette asked how to let potential members know how to join-
- Pam showed website page
- Question was asked do we have a list of members pam- confirmed that we have a list of current, lapsed
- If you are a member system will send reminders and after 6 months will stop revisit that
- Start with older memberships that have lapsed-show them what we have done
- Pam said we are doing a lot regarding budget but it isn't something we can talk about. Maureen asked for clarification why we can't share. Pam used the Ex. or the ARPA funds-we have been saying we are working on it but there is nothing confirmed we can directly share.

Discussion occurred on upcoming ARPA funding and structure

Susan-does this group assured that what happened last time with restrictive funding? Kelley and Pam-100%-our whole sector is going to be okay

- What is the name of the association that makes this decision
- CFA-Commonwealth Finance Association
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- Who put this in the budget-Sen. Briggs

Rep. Briggs connected to an advisor to the rep. on this committee-
We have a plan with suggestions including subgranting

Note: Since confirmed that the CFA is a 7 person authority -3 from economic development staffing and 4 bipartisan appointees decided structure and funding.

E-mail in July letting people know we are working on it-and we would share info. once we knew-maybe send a new one was suggested.

Link to ARP grants to Local arts agencies for subgranting.
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1BRa3E5wCilv6yMu5-qtols7uvzwtUU8JY0gQ39zWoz4/edit?usp=sharing>

PCA Creative Communities \$2,000,000

ARPA cultural and Museum Preservation grant-\$5,000,000

Good conversation with PCA :

Do you have communities in these 14 communities that warrant \$100,000 at least one from 14 regions is being supported by this

Treasurer's Report

Review of Financial Statements

Development & Membership Committee Report

Ellen Owens resigned from board...need to replace her as chair

Advocacy Committee

Anju away on a retreat, no report.

Need to get together

Board Governance

Harris Ferris?

Susan only one more year

Melody??

Old Business

Approval of March Board Meeting Minutes – Approval from Susan, Seconded by Shel Parker

New Business

Susan made a recommendation to communicate with Sen. Costa to see if Sen. Pat Stefano would be interested in taking the chair position as Browne was not re-elected. He is engaged with the caucus already.

Pam to reach out following a conversation with Sen. Costa

Next Meeting Date