

McLean Community Center
2008-2009 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean, VA 22101
May 27, 2009

Board Present: Jan Auerbach, Board Chair; Drew Clark, Kevin Dent, Lee DiCenso, Jenni Dunn, Sean Dunn, Thomas Meyer, David Sanders, Risa E. Sanders, Ed Shahin, Lori Wertz

Staff Present: Clare Kiley, Deputy Director; Sarah Schallern, Performing Arts Director; Carol Pardon, Administrative Assistant

Guests: New members of the 2009-10 Governing Board: Susan Bourgeois and Angela Wertz
Dranesville Supervisor Foust's Office: Jane Edmondson
McLean Project for the Arts (MPA): Nancy Perry, Executive Director; Karen Duval

Convened: 7:30 p.m.

Agenda approved.

Minutes of April 22, 2009, accepted.

Citizen Comment:

- Nancy Perry mentioned an article in the Fairfax County Times on the MPA's fundraising benefit.

Chairs Report: Jan Auerbach

- Auerbach congratulated the staff regarding McLean Day. She added that the tee shirts with the new MCC logo were very attractive.
- Strategic Plan: The committee chairs presented the changes recommended by their respective committees to the goals in the MCC's FY 2009 Strategic Plan. (Goal #2 was previously approved.)
 - ***Recommendation: Approve the FY 2009 Strategic Plan as a whole.*** Approved by the Board. (Shahin abstained.)

Special Resolution

- After Auerbach left the room, D. Sanders read a resolution that he had drafted and framed honoring her service to the Board. The resolution included bestowing a complimentary life-time pass to performances in the Alden Theatre.
 - ***Resolution passed unanimously by the Board.*** (It was presented to Auerbach later in the meeting.)

Executive Directors Report: Julie Rasmussen

- McLean Day: Rasmussen reported that McLean Day was a big success. Approximately 12,000 people attended, and approximately \$50,000 was collected in fees and ticket sales. Fairfax County Board of Supervisors' Chair Sharon Bulova attended, as did Dranesville District's Supervisor John Foust. Logistically, things went very well, Rasmussen said.
- Other Programs: Rasmussen reported that registration for MCC's summer camps is ahead of what it was last year at this time. Ticket sales for the June 5 adult dance have been slow. Schallern gave a report on performing arts activities and classes. This year's performance series in the Alden Theatre has closed out, and the Jammin' Juniors concerts for children wrapped up today (May 27). The McDonald Arts Scholarship competition finals were held on May 19.

Election Committee: Sean Dunn, Chair

- Dunn introduced new Board members Susan Bourgeois and Angela Wertz. He noted that the League of Women Voters provided the tellers and vote counters for the election.

Program Committee: Ed Shahin, Chair

- The Committee met April 20 at the Old Firehouse. It was a short meeting, with most items carried over for the Program Committee under the new Board. Regarding seniors, Shahin reported that providing a quarter- to half-page ad in the MCC's Fall Program Guide for Lewinsville Senior Center's programs is being discussed. He also mentioned that Fairfax County is charging \$45 a year to individuals to use the senior centers. Shahin complimented the members of the Program Committee for their work over the past year.

Finance Committee: Kevin Dent, Chair

- The Committee met on May 7. Members worked on finance-related recommendations for the Strategic Plan, reviewed and made recommendations to a draft format for presenting the budget, and discussed what guidance to give staff in preparing the draft FY 2011 budget. The Committee looked at historical data provided by the County regarding housing values and tax revenues in Small District One, as well as the MCC's fund balances since FY 2006 and projections for FY 2009 and FY 2010. Because of the decrease in real estate tax revenues and the reduction in the tax rate there will be less revenue available to the MCC, Dent said. This means that, in general, the line should be held on expenditures in the FY 2011 budget.

Capital Facilities: David Sanders, Chair

- The Committee, which met on May 26, had been waiting to hear back from Fairfax County Park Authority Director John Dargle regarding the MCC's latest draft of the letter of intent on the proposed Spring Hill gym. An e-mail was received yesterday afternoon (May 26) from Dargle that did not contain much detail. It may be that one of the key issues is cross-programming between the FCPA and the MCC, Sanders said. Auerbach added that the memo seemed to indicate there are only four areas of concern. Sanders said he spoke with Kevin Fay, the FCPA liaison to Dranesville Supervisor's office, and was told that the FCPA was wedded to a 30-ft. buffer between the gym and the recreation center so that the FCPA can build in that space at some time in the future. The FCPA also will be providing more parking and will pay for it. The FCPA has asked for a joint meeting of the executive directors and designated board members of the FCPA and the MCC.

Communications Committee: Drew Clark, Chair

- Clark said that the Committee focused on the Strategic Plan at its meeting on May 20. The Committee heard a staff report regarding the Community Calendar on the MCC's Web site and made some suggestions for minor improvements. There are 20 organizations using the Community Calendar now. The Committee emphasized the need for follow-on communications with these organizations. The Committee also made recommendations for general improvements to the Web site. Clark added that it was great to work with the MCC staff this year.
- Wertz mentioned that the Committee had talked about getting a PayPal account so that people could make purchases on the Web site, such as booth spaces for special events. Clark said the suggestion it might be worth consideration by the Finance Committee or the Program Committee. In response to a question from Shahin regarding a Facebook page for MCC, Kiley said there was still an outstanding issue with the County. Perry mentioned that she has heard positive remarks about the new logo. Clark said the old logo has been retired and that future ads will feature the new logo. Dunn brought up the lateness of the Program Guide and Auerbach said she has talked to Rasmussen about it.

Liaison to Friends of the MCC: Lori Wertz

- Wertz said the June 5 adult dance was discussed by the Friends at their meeting May 11. \$500 was allocated to use as needed for decorating for the dance. Friends' policies have been changed to allow Board officers to repeat their terms in office. All of the current officers will remain in their positions, including Joann Berkson as Chair.

New Business:

- Recognition of Outgoing Members: Auerbach presented each of the Board members who had fulfilled their terms of offices with engraved pewter cups: David Sanders, Ed Shahin, Thomas Meyers, and Jennifer Dunn. D. Sanders presented outgoing chair Auerbach with an engraved plaque and read the resolution adopted earlier in the meeting that entitles her to a lifetime pass to the Alden Theatre. Schallern also thanked Auerbach for her service and presented her with a certificate of appreciation. Shahin read a prepared statement containing his heartfelt remarks about her.

Adjourned: 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean Dunn,
Secretary

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Convened at 8:48 p.m. with Sean Dunn presiding.

- Dunn accepted nominations for Chairman. Dent nominated David Sanders. There were no other nominations and Sanders was elected.
- D. Sanders took over the meeting from Dunn and proceeded with nominations for other Board officers. Dunn nominated Kevin Dent for Vice Chair. There were no other nominations and Dent was elected. Dent nominated Sean Dunn for Treasurer. There were no other nominations and Dunn was elected. Dunn nominated Risa Sanders for Secretary and Ed Shahin nominated himself. Both spoke about why they wanted the position. R. Sanders was elected (9 votes for R. Sanders, 1 vote for Shahin, and 1 abstention).
- D. Sanders reminded Board members about filling out the sheet to indicate their unavailability over the summer. Regarding committees, he thanked Dunn for his preliminary work in asking Board members to think about their committee preferences, and said he would be making committee assignments that best utilize the talents of the Board members. He said he is open to new thoughts about committee structures. He added that he will not be attending every committee meeting, and that he wants the committees to do their own work in their own way.
- The two members new to the Board, Susan Bourgeois and Angela Wertz (Langley High School area representative), were invited to speak a little about themselves.

Adjourned: 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Risa E. Sanders,
Secretary