

Arts Collaborative Minutes
May 8, 2008
103 Rich Hall, SUNY Oswego

Present – Murray Gould, Linda Goodness, Nancy Fox, Bill Simmons, Kelly Jordal, Allen Bjorkman, Wayne Mosher, Connie Brozenich, Jeff Grimshaw

1. Introductions/Announcements – Jeff shared some recent news articles about other groups in New York State doing similar projects. One was in the Jamestown area and the other in the Adirondacks. Kelly shared that the County will be launching their new tourism website shortly, and will feature a blog on the arts. Kelly will be the blogger and is looking for events in the arts to attend and then blog about. If you have any events let Kelly know.
2. Review of minutes from 4/9 meeting – The group reviewed the minutes
3. Mission Statement; *“The Oswego Arts Collaborative is a catalyst for the economic development and sustainability of visual and performing arts.”*
4. Survey Committee – Responses – So far only one group has responded to the survey, Oswego Opera Theater, but the groups were given 60 days to respond, due to scheduling of Board meetings. Jeff will attach a copy of the survey to the e-mail with these minutes, so all can get it again.
5. Building Committee – The committee continues to look at the St. John’s property, and it was learned that the Knights of Columbus property has been sold. Murray explained that the St. John’s property is eligible for state and federal funding. Jeff reiterated the need to have a partner in an established Nonprofit to be able to pursue any funding or work with City or County government to be a pass through for some funding sources. Linda, explained the process other groups had used in the past to utilize city government for similar projects. Allen and Murray will pursue a local historic preservation group to determine interest in this project, and report back to the group.
6. Organization Structure/Business Plan – Allen reported that some members of the group have expressed a desire to develop by-laws and organizational structure to this group in an effort to establish a nonprofit organization. The sub-committee will consist of Allen, Bill, Linda and Tim (From AAO). The group will report back to the committee at the next meeting and use the current mission statement as their starting point and work from the standpoint that this will be a membership organization.
7. Road Trip to Cumberland, Md. – May 21& 22 – Murray briefed the group on his conversations with the City of Cumberland officials he has spoken with regarding a visit. Discussion was had concerning who would be available to go and what dates. Murray will make contact again with the Cumberland people and see if other days that week work, and will get back to the group by e-mail to let them know. Murray will be coordinating the trip, those going

will report back to the committee at the next meeting. For more information about Cumberland, here is the web link www.alleganyartscouncil.org .

8. Next Meeting May 29th, 2008 at 4pm in 103 Rich Hall.

Arts Survey Link: http://www.oswego.edu/about/centers/cbcd/community_relations/index.html

This link will get you to the SUNY Oswego Community Relations page that has the link to the survey in a PDF.