

New Haven Festivals Inc. Board Meeting September 29, 2021

Attendees: T. Buxbaum, W. Davis, B. Parker, G. Kozlowski, A. Jefferson, B. Schaffer

Meeting called to order at 3:10pm

Minutes

to be revisited upon a quorum.

Financials

G. Kozlowski currently has \$642k. Anticipate additional expenses in 2022.

Directors Report

NCV grants – several applicants have requested extensions due to COVID.

ARP funding: Have issued several RFP's and grants via the city's purchasing portal

- Cultural Fund for Artists-part of a fiscal sponsorship grant to Arts Council (\$20k creative sector relief fund) & NHFPL will announce name of their program
- Teaching Artist - RFP training programming
- Arts Marketing - NBC highlights of arts & cultural activities related to social justice, other programming to highlight local artists and organizations

The Creative Sector Relief Fund: More sustainable and created in form of artist fellowship fund in support of low-income artists. Funding provided via fundraising support

Grants Submitted and Anticipating the receipt of grants funding

- \$70k Project Heal, health literacy (includes billboard campaign); Staff working with creatives to partner with vaccine sites to assist with marketing to target vaccination population
- \$10k Tremaine Foundation asked to reapply again for 2022
- Will apply Mellon Foundation
- Will apply \$500-\$500k operating supporting via CT Humanities
- Submitted an application in collaboration with the Arts Council to NEA for regranting support

Cultural Equity Plan: final draft (approved by the Mayor) next step is to approve by the Board of Alders. Anticipate this would become a living document

Underpass Art Project: working with NuSpiral Collective to develop three murals in Fair Haven and on Whalley Avenue

Diary Disk Project developed by the Design Brigade: A physical disc designed to memorialize those lost during COVID Brigade that were on display at various outdoor events. Will forward current locations

Radical Conversations are being developed to further discuss Unapologetically Radical conference topics

Entrepreneurship Decoded worked with 10 entrepreneurs to further develop their creative business. Those who complete the project are eligible for a \$1k mini grant

Play on the Block w/Long Wharf
October 5-16. Family Fun day on October 14 family fun day

Tree Lighting: Scheduled for the first Thursday in December.

Jiagantic Studios - Staff will assist with community engagement

Filming: interest levels in New Haven has increased

Opportunity for additional \$ for arts/culture and looking out how the arts build wealth in under resourced communities. Known, Collab, Arts Council, Make Haven and others developing potential guidelines

Arts for Anti-Racism: Working with interns on arts for anti-racism workshops, newsletter

T. Buxbaum noted recent experience working with artists on requests for funding during COVID and the need for improved financial literacy skills.

Minutes Revisited

B. Parker asked for Motion to approve minutes and financials. T. Buxbaum motioned, seconded by B. Schaffer. Passed unanimously.

3:44pm B. Parker motion to adjourn. Motioned by G. Kozlowski, W. Davis