



Kodiak Arts Council  
Annual Meeting Minutes  
6:30pm September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 | Zoom

- I. President's Welcome
  - a. Called to order at 6:32pm by Mike Wall.
- II. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Ilva made a motion to approve the 2019 minutes and was seconded by Djuna. Minutes were approved at 6:35pm.
- III. Financial Report - Margaret Bosworth
  - a. "It was a creative year for everybody."
  - b. A financial snapshot and statement are included in pages 4 and 5 in the Board Packet. A few highlights follow:
    - i. The total contributed and earned income was \$225,229.91.
    - ii. The total expenditures was \$229,549.11.
    - iii. "The arts council is in healthy fiscal shape."
- IV. Director's Report - Katie Oliver
  - a. The Performing Arts Series is designed to bring high quality performance art to Kodiak for concerts, engagements, workshops, and master classes. The strategy is to provide a variety of arts performances while taking into account local preference. Trisha Bartel served as the Director of Performing Arts Programs for the year, and has transferred to North Carolina with her family. The performances from last year included Che Apalache (9/21/19), Community Theater (The Crucible - 5 performances from 10/26/19 - 11/20/19), RupLoops: The Human Radio (11/14/19), The Nutcracker (12/4-6/19), and International Guitar Night (1/15/20). Eileen Ivers was also scheduled to appear, but she did not due to COVID restrictions last spring.
  - b. Sum'Arts for Kids was unusual this year because of the pandemic, but still happened this summer through use of technology.
  - c. The Munartet Project continued its work this year, and we assisted with Arts Labs, Arts Workshops, Arts Ed Boxes, Mindfulness for Educators, Sum'Arts Co-Teaching, Teaching Artist Classroom Visits, and Teaching Artist Training.
  - d. We facilitated the First Friday Art Walks and an Artist Trading Card Show to support the visual arts in our community.
  - e. Spring 2020: What happened?
    - i. The immediate financial impact was around \$50,000 through loss of income due to cancelation of many events and services.
    - ii. We developed creative ways to support our mission and community, such as hosting the Kodiak Mayor's Kodiak Strong Youth Poster Design Contest.
    - iii. Spring is typically a busy time for teaching artist visits to classrooms, and we were able to continue this tradition virtually.



- iv. We partnered with the artists of BearTown Market to create BearTown Market in a Box, and the September issue just sold out yesterday.
- v. We facilitated curbside distribution of Sum'Arts supplies, cloth masks, and Arts Kits.
- f. 2020-2021: What's Next?
  - i. Theaters were one of the first spaces closed for the pandemic, and we will likely be the last to reopen.
  - ii. We are working to develop the capabilities for streaming to go alongside the possibility of small, in-person audiences.
  - iii. We are working with Alaskan artists, local artists, and considering options such as Reader's Theater.
- V. Member Organizations' Reports
  - a. AlphaSingers - Jeff Stephan (tenor)
    - i. The AlphaSingers appreciate the energy, time, and creativity involved in the work that the Arts Council does to make our community better.
    - ii. Although the pandemic impacted the schedule, we were able to perform four songs on the December performance of the Isle Bells as well as singing the Irish Blessing to Jon Bartel and his family as they departed Kodiak in July of 2020. They also give thanks and admiration to Laura Beck and Jill Rohrer for their commitment and participation as accompanists and fully part of the team. The revenue was collected from the cookie jar at the Isle Bells December Performance and went towards expenses such as new music. Jeff also stressed the importance of Jenny Stevens and the incredible work and the way she has "taken us into her heart and into her home."
  - b. Chiniak Art Works - Diane on behalf of Gretchen Patterson
    - i. We are an all-volunteer organization. We have formed a new board and have a gallery and teaching space at the post office, which is not charging rent. The gallery/store will be opening soon for limited capacity, and we are looking forward to future opportunities and Zoom-based work, including an air B&B workshop.
  - c. FairWind Players - Pam Foreman
    - i. Pam is thankful for KAC for all of the support over the years (from 2006 or 2007). This year, we put on Coffee with God in the drama pod in January and The Hasty Heart in March. The Hasty Heart was in performance during the beginning of the shut down, and were fortunately able to finish the run and the theater closed immediately after striking the show. This year, because of all of the unknowns, we will provide whatever support we can to the arts council itself. We have discussed helping KAC by providing tech for their shows, a radio theater piece, and possibly some other small shows that might be fitting for a small audience of streaming. We also decided that any of our proceeds will go back directly to the arts council as our way of saying thank you. We hope to do workshops in the future so the artists have a place to continue practicing their skills.



- d. Galley Tables - Djuna Davidson and Brianna Cooper
  - i. We had incredible attendance which drove us to print tickets because of consistently being over capacity for the venue. In March, we held a rehearsal and made a statement about putting on the Friday show, but ultimately did not put on the show. Pam put together an hour-long show that can be accessed on the KMXT website. The board has met recently and is planning on kicking off this year's season with an opening show on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The board has decided to take it show-by-show.
  - ii. unsure the format will remain the same as it has historically been with seven shows.
- e. Isle Bells - Ella Saltonstall
  - i. Isle Bells has been in existence for 10 years! We typically do a winter show (Holiday Bells) and a spring show. The collaboration with the AlphaSingers was spectacular and meant a lot to us. We recently lost a member, and it strengthened our resolve to provide musical fellowship. We are planning to have the Holiday Bells concert with a limited audience, a higher ticket price, and plan on giving all proceeds back to the arts council. We are rehearsing in masks now, and now have our own space to rehearse. We performed at a service on Friday for the fallen member, and it has forever changed the group.
- f. Kodiak Bear Paw Quilt Guild - Fayra Klier
  - i. Kodiak Bear Paw Quilters are alive and well. We met virtually for a while, but are now meeting at Bayside live, wearing masks and social distancing. New officers and committee chairs were rung in at the beginning of the fiscal year. Our net income for this year was \$2949.25. Last year the guild sponsored sewing classes at the library, and we are making plans to find ways to continue sharing our craft in a safe way in the near future. We gave about 17 quilts to families in need during last year. We have decided to cancel this year's October quilt show, but we are hopeful to be able to reschedule for April of May in 2021. Our membership continues to be diligent with sewing and creating a stash for future non-pandemic bazaars and events. We have a new website created by our member Kate: <http://www.kodiakbearpawquilters.org/>. Our goal is to continue having safe meetings and looking forward to the next year.
- g. Kodiak Russian Balalaika Players - Walter Muelling on behalf of Nancy Bors
  - i. Unfortunately, the Kodiak Russian Balalaika Players did not perform this summer due to the cancelled cruise ship season.
- h. Made in Kodiak - Katie on behalf of Sara Sundsten
  - i. Our show in October went well, and our website is up and running. We have new members and board members, and are looking for more members. We have suspended all dues because of the pandemic. Currently, our board and trustees are putting our heads together to put on fundraising events.



- i. WhaleFest Kodiak - Djuna on behalf of Cheryl Nugent
  - i. The idea to resurrect WhaleFest began last year and has been very encouraging. Unfortunately, COVID happened during planning and forced us to cancel and hope to move to 2021. We had planned on talking about whales in our ecosystem, reporting stranded marine mammals, children's
  - ii. ocean inspired art, a Run with the Whales 5K, a beach cleanup with Island Trails, a story-telling event, showing whale footage, refreshments, a fun informal social event, several events at the library or museum (some of which occurred virtually).
- VI. Board of Directors Election
  - a. Becci Long has decided not to run for reelection.
  - b. This year's candidates are: Margaret Bosworth, Marc Ignacio, Mary Patterson, and Melveen Villoria.
    - i. Margaret's thoughts:
      1. Here I am, no speech! But I did want to say thank you to everyone, and that we are a real team. I am willing to volunteer for just about anything, and really believe in the arts in our community. It has been a very enriching part of my family's lives, and is part of why I love Kodiak.
    - ii. Marc's thoughts:
      1. Let's keep it short and simple: I enjoy the team, and I enjoy being helpful. We bring happiness to people and being a part of that means a lot to me. I love entertainment, and we need to be entertained in Kodiak to keep our mind right.
    - iii. Mary's thoughts:
      1. Great meeting tonight, thank you to Katie for all of your hard work. I want to continue to be a part of this great Kodiak Arts Council family.
    - iv. Melveen's thoughts:
      1. I moved to Kodiak from Washington state. I play piano and percussion and performed with a group in Seattle. I also volunteer as a Zumba instructor for fundraisers. My theater experience here has been great because of the people I have met. I have experience overseeing large functions. Earlier this year, I was so excited to get the auction going, but safety should be first for our family and community. I am up for the challenge of making the most of these times.
  - c. Motion to approve the candidates was approved unanimously at 7:52pm.
- VII. General membership comments, questions, and announcements
  - a. Judy wants to thank Katie for putting this meeting together. Usually the annual meeting is one of our most enjoyable because we are all together and can see the fruit of all the work. To the other board members, thank you for your work this year, and we're in it for another. Off we go!
  - b.



- c. Cece expressed that it is an honor and a pleasure to be a part of this board. We are a good team, and she is looking forward to whatever the next year brings.
  - d. Mike wants to know what movie Jeff is trying out for, and asked if he was trying to be an extra in a Russian war movie. Jeff is not preparing for a movie. Mike also thanked Dylan for the time spent getting this meeting streamed.
- VIII. Next Meeting: Wednesday, October, 14<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at 5:45pm on Zoom.
- IX. Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm by Mike Wall.