

Minutes
Baltimore Clayworks
Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday | August 5, 2020 | 6:30pm

In attendance: Margaret Allen, Ronni Aronin, Ariel Brown, Alan Cooper, Marcy Emmer, Carla Dunlap, John Gazurian, Pat Halle, Caroline Jelavich, Susan Patz, Megan Rich, Fitsum Shebeshe, Melanie Hood-Wilson, Pam Worthington, Leathia West. Staff: Cyndi Wish. Absent: Deborah Bedwell, Nick Hawkins, Larry Sandler.

Call to Order at 6:30 p.m.

Approve Minutes - Carla

Alan moved to approve minutes for July 15 board meeting, with addition of Pat Halle in attendance. Melanie seconded. Approved unanimously.

Facilitated Exit Interview

Alan wants to be on record that full board should be invited to the facilitated interview to follow through on our original motion and our goal of transparency.

Motion: Pat moves to have a smaller group invited for the interview. Melanie seconds.
2 - Yes. 3 - Abstentions, 9 - No. Motion not passed.

Financial Report and Future Scenarios - Margaret

Margaret reported on Clayworks current financial situation and possible future scenarios. In March, under the premise that Clayworks would open fully in September 2020 and have income, funds were expected to last through December. The pandemic continues and opening fully is not an option. Reserving funds to reopen fully in future is imperative.

Several members discussed opening in-person classes this September. The studios have already been set up to accommodate COVID-19 safety practices. Task group will discuss ideas for opening sooner. Megan volunteered to attend the staff meeting on Monday to describe safety procedures put in place at her business.

The board agreed to adopt a basic plan in 2 weeks. The goal is to accept a baseline conservative plan from which we can operate and to which we can add activities while responding to state and federal guidelines. As other funding becomes available to Clayworks, the plan can be adjusted.

Board will hear from staff and community first via a survey. A board meeting was set for **Wednesday, August 19, 6:30pm**. Ariel has volunteered to draft a **survey**. The target date to send it to the community is Aug 11-12, and the community meeting is tentatively set for August 26. Board members will call friends and those they feel are important and ask them to fill out the survey and attend the community meeting.

A financial plan will be completed 2 weeks after the community meeting.

Gallery

Staff is working on dates with Sam Briegel for gallery talks before her show closes. New exhibition are to open on September 15 for 6 weeks.

Executive Session

No action taken.

Adjourn 7:45