

# Arts Alliance Leadership Team Agenda with Notes

Date, time: 4 p.m. Dec. 4, Center for Community Support and Research, Kansas Room

Facilitators and Resource People: Maaskelah Thomas, Seth Bate (SHN); Suzie Ahlstrand and Diane Longfellow (Chamber)

Attendees: Eric Bell, Lon Smith, Garrett Jeter, Nile Dillmore, Gay Quisenberry, Collin Allen, Charles Steiner

Materials: agenda, notes from previous meeting

## Today's Agenda

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

- Review notes
- Review agreements (see below)
- Small group reports
- Announcement(s) from Suzie Ahlstrand and others

RDOH 2008 survey to kick off in January. Alliance members can assist with getting the word out and encouraging as many people as possible to complete survey.

New installation at Museum of World Treasures (get additional info from Lon)

Museum of World Treasures also planning new event series in 2008 in conjunction with KPTS with proceeds to benefit KPTS

Eric from Blue Theater is looking for space for their theater group. Considering some interesting improv alternatives.

- Report from Joint Leadership Team

Lon and Charles attended Joint Leadership Team Meeting. Lon reported on their report at the meeting. They reported on three key projects that the alliance has identified for possible work. Charles suggested that "resistance" that keeps appearing in community is more about not understanding the separate and distinct roles of the Alliance and the Arts Council or other arts groups. Lon told Alliance about the website being designed by recreation alliance; the Arts Alliance can potentially utilize

this for its directory. Suzie has raised \$15,000 for Arts Alliance to support the development of the Arts Alliance's part of the website!!! The template is developed; however, members of the Arts Alliance will need to assist with content, etc.

## 2. Review draft mission statement

Suzie suggested that we review the Arts Council's mission statement, to make sure the Alliance's mission statement is different. Jaki shared Arts Council's vision and group agreed that the Arts Alliance is significantly different.

Eric shared a version of a mission statement that he'd come up with. The group liked it but thought it was a little long. Group suggested that it might work better as a purpose statement.

Draft mission:

- ***The Visioneering Wichita Arts Alliance will cultivate a better way of life through the arts for the community.***

Leadership team was tasked with taking the draft mission statement to each of the small groups to get their feedback and input.

## 3. Review proposed goals/stages

1. Directory / guide(Media Committee)
2. Event (Events Committee)
3. Space and/or district
4. Eric suggested that we keep the 4<sup>th</sup> committee that concentrates on funding for the initiatives of the alliance (Funding Committee), to engage as other projects warrant.

Charles suggested that future meetings be centered around working on the aforementioned projects.

Colin reported on an assortment of space available in the community, particularly space owned or controlled by the City of Wichita. Found 15,000 square feet of space in the Blvd Plaza area that might be utilized by artists/arts group. He also suggested that some of the more grassroots artists who are interested in an alliance, are NOT interested in the bureaucratic aspects of an alliance, i.e. aren't that interested in just attending meetings.

## 4. Discuss how the Leadership Team and Alliance should move forward

- How to keep work transparent and in the room vs. empowering small groups

- Agenda for next Alliance meeting
- 2008 meeting schedule
  - How often?
  - For how long?
  - Time/day of week?

Eric suggested that small groups find a way to work that allowed better communication among each small group, and a report out to the larger alliance. Need to develop a mechanism for that to happen.

Colin and Jaki suggested dissolving one work group that worked at last large alliance meeting, the “general arts” group, as its work is potentially being captured by the work of other groups.

**Discussion on process: How does the Alliance make decisions and move the work forward?**

Suzie provided input on process that has worked for most other alliances: Leadership Team sets agenda for larger alliance meeting. Leadership Team culls through the work of the larger alliance and makes sure issues are addressed, etc. She further suggested that we need to go ahead and form the identified workgroups and send back to alliances to work on.

**Leadership team agreed:**

Four identified workgroups are the “projects.” Leadership team members champion each project and act as conveners of workgroups, and call the larger alliance back together to work on projects.

Lon moved that leadership team pick date/dates in January to have alliance members come and work in one of the workgroups. Each workgroup is tasked with coming up with a plan for what they will work on, and the resources needed to accomplish their goals. Empower them to do the necessary research, background work, etc. to move projects forward together. Assignment for each workgroup: Put together a tangible, focused plan (end product), that includes resources needed.

Diane/Suzie will send e-mail to large list and invite them to work in workgroups. At workgroup meetings, each workgroup will determine when and how they will continue to work. Report back to larger group. Seconded by James (Arbertha). Unanimously affirmed.

Draft mission statement shared in small group discussions, and move toward ratification.

Suzie will bring guests to next alliance meeting to talk about possibilities for the website.

Conveners for workgroups:

- Gay/Jaki – Media (Wednesday January 9th 11:30 – 1:30 @ CCSR)
- Lon – Events (Wednesday January 9th @ 5:30 @ CCSR)
- Collin – Space (January 23rd @ 5:30 @ CCSR) (Space workgroup: Purpose(s) for space, amount of space needed, location(s), idea/goal for funding)

Ensure that committee is reaching out to the entire MSA, is inclusive and invites in all that are interested in working around the arts in any way.  
Set a time for regular meetings/work schedules

<b>AGREEMENTS</b>			
<b>WHO</b>	<b>WHO ELSE</b>	<b>WHAT</b>	<b>BY WHEN</b>
Team members		Convene workgroups at designated times and place (see above)	January 23
Chamber		Send e-mail announcements to arts alliance distribution list to notify of workgroup meeting dates and next alliance meeting	December 31
Suzie		Arrange for presentation on website	February 25
Collin		Prepare research on space available and present to group	January 2008
Team members		If you have perspective on how much and what kind of space is needed, contact Collin	Ongoing
Team members		Take draft mission statement to workgroups to garner feedback and input	February 6, 2008 (next leadership team meeting)

### Next Meeting Agenda

Leadership Team meeting in February 6th @ 4 p.m. @ CCSR

- Review activities/accomplishments of workgroups
- Plan agenda for February 25<sup>th</sup> alliance meeting

Alliance Meeting – February 25th @ 6:30 – 8:00 WSU Metroplex

- Workgroups present activities/accomplishments and work plans
- Presentation on website