

DREAMS Center for Arts Education
Board of Directors Meeting
27 May 2020

Call to Order by Executive Director, Kevin Blackburn at 5:41 PM.

Quorum Established.

PRESENT: Amy Grant, Co-Chair; Jill Morris Secretary; Karson Reed, Patty Sutton, Mike Williams, Fidas Reyes, Melissa Baird, Iris Cooper, Marlon Ramos, Kevin Blackburn, Executive Director; Amy Jeffrey, Scribe.

ABSENT: LaToia Brown, Chair; Chasity Chace, Treasurer; Bill Anlyan, Fran Scarlett, Maria Speaks.

- I. Consent Agenda: April Financials and Board Meeting Minutes unanimously approved.
- II. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Kevin:
 - Please refer to report sent via email.
 - Please be sure to attend the June meeting as the FY 20-21 Budget will be put to a vote. The budget will be emailed to you in advance of the June meeting.
 - Please check your calendars and let Kevin know ASAP if Wednesday, April 21, 2021 works for Benefit Breakfast 2021. We will need to reserve the Convention Center as soon as possible as many organizations will be competing for Spring dates.
- III. FINANCES:
 - In Chasity's absence, Kevin asks if anyone has any questions – none presented.
 - Kevin shares that Chastity approved financials at the most recent Exec meeting.
 - Amy J. will complete tabulating BB 2020 income and report early next week.
 - Kevin shares that DREAMS did receive the Payroll Protection Program (PPP) Loan and that this will be extremely helpful.
 - Amy G. asks if there is anyway of determining how Judy Reye's video impacted donations. Kevin responds that it definitely helped but not really able to put a specific dollar figure on it since there was no specified campaign. Another video by Judy was discussed as well as the possibility of having DREAMers submit questions for Judy to respond to, "Ask Judy" campaign on Facebook maybe.
- IV. EMERITI COMMITTEE – Amy G.
 - Bill and Amy met with Tracy and developed the concept of a group of former board members to plan for the 25th Anniversary in 2022 and to work on other special projects.
 - This group will help keep relationships alive as well as institutional knowledge. This will also give current board members an option for staying engaged after their Board terms have expired.
 - The first project of the Emeriti will be the compilation of an Oral History of DREAMS. Mike speaks about how powerful oral history is and how important it is to make sure the right people are asking the questions, such as DREAMers, who will surely elicit more authentic and emotional responses. It is suggested that the Time Line planned for the

corridor at DREAMS be created in conjunction with the Emeriti's project so there is continuity across those two depictions of our history.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

- Mike shares about the Black On Black Mental Health project he has been working on with two other artists, "Break the Silence," is aimed at breaking the stigma of mental health concerns. One 80 minute video fielded questions that were from DREAMers (anonymized for privacy) and the conversation was very dynamic. This open forum got kids to at least start thinking about sharing what's on their minds. It was very effective for students to hear the two artists talk about their own personal and very different styles of staying motivated to create art while experiencing depression. The overarching message was twofold: "We are not a monolith and Ask for Help!" Mike is open to doing this again and inviting DREAMers again, possibly this Fall. Kevin will email all a link to the video project.
- Kevin shares that Programs is putting together Senior Care Packages for our 5 graduating DREAMers. A DREAMS Diploma will be created and we will send them DREAMS TShirts, slippies, party favors, etc. and at some point have a reverse parade to honor them. Fidias states she would like to help with this project.
- Amy G. thanks Board Members for all their donations this fiscal year and reminds those who have not contributed yet that 100% Board participation is critical to our grants. If you haven't donated yet, please send at least \$1 before June 30, 2020.
- Amy G. asks Kevin what he needs from the Board. Kevin replies that all is well currently but he will definitely reach out when things arise.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:33 PM.

Amy Jeffrey
Scribe for Board Secretary