

NECAT Board Minutes

January 26, 2021

TELECONFERENCE MEETING

Regular/Special Meeting?	Teleconference Virtual Meeting
Proper Notice Given?	Yes
Directors in Attendance:	Tyler Pittman, Sheyla Paz, Seannalynn Brandmeir, Dana Schroering, Brian Mansfield, Brian Rosman, Joe Woolley, Willy Simms Jr AKA Big Fella, Lindsay Ganson
Directors NOT in Attendance:	Aisha Lbhalla
Others in Attendance:	Cameron MacCasland, Rachel Kenyon
Quorum Established?	Yes

Meeting called to order at 11:05 AM Roll call taken

Call to hold an electronic meeting

Motion:	Seannalynn Brandmier, Sheyla Paz
Approved?	Yes

Call to suspend rules to allow for an electronic meeting

Motion:	Brian Rosman, Seannalynn Brandmier
Approved?	Yes

Review & Approve October meeting minutes:

Motion:	Brian Roseman, Seannalynn Brandmier
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Approved?	Yes
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Review & Approve November Financials:

Motion:	Seannalynn Brandmier, Sheyla Paz
Approved?	Yes

Review & Approve December Financials:

Motion:	Sheyla Paz, Seannalynn Brandmier
Approved?	Yes

Chair Report –

- Tyler Pittman’s last meeting, as he is rolling off the Board
- Tyler needs to add another Board member on the Ascend Account, Board recommends Sheyla Paz
- FGF booked through February 12, with several other nonprofits on deck
 - Seannalynn and Sheyla recording TPAC
 - Dana recording Urban Green Lab
 - Corner 2 Corner on deck
 - We have several other nonprofits interested
 - Google Drive is updated, and Board has access
 - Make sure that we are working ahead since we are down a Metro employee
- Down three, maybe four, Board members in February
- Potential for new studio locations
 - Good time to discuss since we are currently at the mercy of Nashville State
 - Our lease with Nashville State is through January 2025

NECAT Report – Cameron McCasland

- Copier removed from NECAT
- We are in the process of replacing a Metro employee
- Predators Grant filled out for children’s camp
 - Asked for \$8,000
 - Have a meeting set up with Able Youth to discuss camp logistics with COVID precautions
 - Completed Preds Frant report from 2020
 - Had first job shadow meeting with McGavock
 - Offered the students an opportunity to come back and take the classes when the studio reopens
 - High School Education and Outreach

- FEB 2 & 4 – Hillsboro High School students
 - Johnson Learning Center
 - Still looking for one more school
 - This will fulfill out 4 school that we need for Preds grant
 - Still have to be cautious because of COVID19 logistics
- Rebranding ideas – breakout sessions with Board
- PPE loan, Rachel Kenyon is working on applying
- Camera rentals for a week
 - Turned into content for NECAT! Members are resounding well.
- We Foster Film – hoping this launches NECAT into a more community resource center
- Cameron to introduce Sheyla to folks at Ascend
- NECAT member meeting pushed to February to introduce new Metro employee and Board members

Studio Manager Report - John Ferguson

- In the process of replacing metro employee, Tim is moving on
 - Cameron and metro team are interviewing candidates and are getting close to a hire
- Nashville State still in Phase 2, so we cannot open the studio
- Continue checking out equipment for a full week. Well received and beneficial for members!
- Down several Board members, having conversations about what type of experience we want in future Board members

Group Discussion

- Possible locations for NECAT studios
- Possible partnerships for *Cookin' Wit Big Fella*
 - @NashvilleTN – multi-media company with several popular social handles
 - Have ideas on tee shirt sales
 - Possible Feel Good Friday tie-in
 - Amazon Pitch Deck – sent to Brain for review and never heard back
- NECAT Rebrand
 - 77 Ventures Ad Agency – they are interested in helping us rebrand NECAT
 - Waiting on proposal
 - PS Boutique Design sent a proposal for a rebrand
 - Grant for Creative?
- Farewell to Joe and Tyler

Meeting adjourned at **12:32 PM**