

**STOUGHTON ARTS COUNCIL BOARD  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
July 21, 2014, 6:30pm  
EMS Training Room**

**P= Present, A= Absent, X= Excused**

<b>Amy Kittleson</b> _A__	<b>Mary-Carel Verden</b> _P__
<b>Deborah Bicksler</b> _P__	<b>Stephen Lawrence</b> _A__
<b>Amy Johanning</b> _X__	<b>Sherry Johnson</b> _A__
<b>Coleen Kehl</b> _X__	<b>Marni Gassner</b> _A__
<b>John Beutel</b> _P__	<b>Amy McFarland</b> _X__
<b>Kathryn Jones</b> _X__	<b>Bill Howard</b> _X__
<b>Laura Trotter</b> _P__	<b>Marlene Widra</b> _P__

**Mayor Appointee Bill Brehm or Christina Dollhause: Bill Brehm**  
**Also in Attendance: David Kneebone, Joyce Esch**

Meeting Chairperson – Mary-Carel Verden

1. Call to Order at 6:50 pm by Mary-Carel Verden.
2. Election of Officers
  - a. President – Widra nominates **Verden**. Unanimous
  - b. Vice President – Bicksler nominates **Beutel**. Unanimous.
  - c. Secretary – Widra nominates **Trotter**. Unanimous.
  - d. Treasurer – Brehm nominates **Kittleson**. Unanimous.
3. New Business
  - a. **Verden** gave background of Arts Council
  - b. Bicksler suggested **Gassner** to update website (stoughtonartscouncil.org).  
**Brehm** offered to get **Gassner** acquainted with existing site.
  - c. Arts District Designation was discussed, including area from Youth Center to Page Street, Old High School to Mandt Park. **Widra** agreed to pursue the designation, and bring to the Arts Council Board before approaching the City Council. **Bicksler** will consult with her on City Council procedures.
  - d. **Brehm** suggested the Board look into “Creative Placemaking”.
  - e. **Verden** suggested the Board research Arts Wisconsin, and go to ArtsWisconsin.org to sign the petition of support of “Creative Economy Development Initiative”.
  - f. Per the Mayor’s suggestion, the board discussed [“Arts Wisconsin Seeking Nominations for 2014 Arts in the Community Award”](#) **Trotter** will look into the nomination process, with the intention of nominating **Brehm**.
4. General Discussion
  - a. Member registration brochure (donations) is the only source of funds currently.
  - b. The Mission Statement was discussed and generally agreed upon as viable.
  - c. Discussed ways to notify the public of artistic events.
  - d. Future meeting schedule: Exploring a “regular” date, but agreed next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 13 at 10:00am in City Hall, room TBA.
5. **Bicksler** moved to adjourn at 7:50pm, **Beutel** 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.