

The Light of the Heart A Community Art Therapy Project

Board Meeting

Thursday, November 14, 2013, 7pm-8pm

Location: 14 W. Downer Place, Suite 203, Aurora, IL 60506

Present: April Hedlund, Melissa Hedlund, Javi Terrazas, Judy Petrushka,
and Liz Gardner

Absent: Ruth Dogra

April called the meeting to order at 7:11
Melissa seconded

Agenda:

1. Introductions
2. Review Job Descriptions
 - A. Job descriptions were distributed to board members. Melissa will also email an electronic copy to all members.
 - B. Discussed Javi's position to be amended to focus on communications and outreach. This will give his role a specific focus. Melissa motions this change at 7:19pm. April seconds the motion. Motion approved,
 - C. Discussed the donation requirement for all members. Donation amount is at the discretion of each member.
3. Funding/ Budget
 - A. Wheaton's Franciscan's Sister Grant was approved for \$1500.00.
 - B. Javi will reach out to alderman and Family Focus for support.
 - C. Culture Stock: gave funding for "Retreat to Art."
 - D. Elder Day: we now have a contract to provide services twice a month. This will help to pay rent for the studio.
 - E. NaperBridge: Melissa will be meeting to discuss beginning art therapy services on site.
 - F. Rush Copley: will be meeting in November to discuss current contract and what this relationship will look like.
 - G. 2014 budget will be ready for January board meeting.
4. Studio
 - A. TLOTH has a new studio (14 W. Downer Place, Suite 203, Aurora, IL 60506). There is a one year lease and rent is \$120 a month plus utilities.
 - B. Individual sessions have already begun in the new space, and group sessions will begin soon.

- C. Melissa painted the space and is in the process of decorating. There will be a mural added to one of the walls. Javi will contact local artists for mural design.
5. Interns: we currently have two clinical interns. One grant writing intern and one clinical intern will be starting in January. Melissa will be doing interviews for summer interns.
6. Fundraisers
- A. Gibby's Wine Bar: Art show called, "Art and Love." This event is scheduled for December 6th from 6p-8p. Art will be exhibited and available for sale. 100% of the proceeds will go to TLOTH. We are looking for donated art. All donations must be received by November 25th.
 - B. Art Jam: Discussed venue ideas, and the possibility of partnering with someone. Suggestion to lower ticket price, or sell tickets for specific things (i.e. food, entertainment) and don't charge admission.
 - C. Suggested idea to hold a fundraising dinner/ banquet.
 - D. Discussed difference between a fundraiser that offers CEUs and one that highlights community participation. How do we reach both professionals and families in the community?
7. Programming
- A. The website was recently updated and now includes our partnering organizations.
 - B. TLOTH will look into adding programming in the schools in 2014.
 - C. Programming will focus on social change and bringing light to the community.
 - D. Suggestion to reach out to NAMI.
8. Future of TLOTH
- A. Next board meeting: January 9th, 7p-8p at the studio
 - B. Downtown Aurora is looking for a board member. Discussed the benefits of Melissa filling this position.

April motioned to end meeting at 8:01 pm
Melissa seconded