

**August 15, 2024, NEST Board Meeting**

Meeting called to order at 6:37 PM ET

In Attendance:

ChaChanna Simpson, Board President

Katie Knutson, NEST Executive Director

Jim Brule, Vice President

Cris Riedel, Treasurer

Jezrie Marcano-Courtney, Secretary

Mike Isko, Director, Development Committee Chair

Denise Page, Director, Social Justice Committee Chair

Cora Newcomb, Greater NEST Membership

**BOARD MINUTES**

**Motion:** That the Board of Directors approve the minutes of the July 2024 Board Meeting.

**Motion approved.**

**SHARING THE FIRE**

No report was submitted because the committee meeting occurred right before the board meeting.

**OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

The Outreach committee has set up September Speak Peace concerts with a variety of nonprofit venues throughout our region.

**DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

The Development Committee has received helpful resource materials to bolster efforts to work toward sustainable support. The next committee meeting will be scheduled on or around August 24th.

**WVSG**

There were five sign-ups this month. Three of them were new to the guild.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

A prospective board candidate has been put forward by NEST Director, Denise Page.

A referral for an accountant has been sent by Sheila Arnold, Co-Founder, Artists Standing Strong Together (ASST).

The next meeting for the Storytelling Task Force is scheduled for August 16th.

The NEST Annual Membership Meeting is scheduled for September 30th @ 7 PM ET.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Membership renewals are coming in daily at this point and will probably continue for a while.

Merritt Bookkeeping has sent a May financial report.

The need for an accountant is critical; taxes are due to be filed.

Sharing the Fire announcements have begun on social media.

**FINANCE REPORT**

Action: Katie Knutson will request a fiscal year report from Merritt Bookkeeping.

The committee worked on a budget.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Update from Denise Page: The annual report for The Social Justice Committee has been submitted.

**NEXT MEETING**

Next scheduled Board of Directors meeting: Thursday, September 19, 2024 @ 6:30 PM ET

**MEETING ADJOURN**

NEST Board of Directors monthly meeting moved to an executive session at 7:01 PM ET