

Arts Council of Brazos Valley
Board of Directors Meeting
February 3rd, 2009

Members Present:

Carol Wagner, President
Peter Canney
Warren Finch
John Happ
Penelope Kosztołnyik
Sue Lee
Thom Lemmons
Lynn McIlhane
Mitch Morehead
Becky Russell
Tom Wilkinson
Elisabeth Meehan, TAMU

Padraic Fisher, Executive Director

President Wagner called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Budget and Finance Report presented by Lee. On page one of five, corporate contributions and grants are all below budget. ACBV has 92 members and \$15,710 in contributions -- averaging \$170 per member. All future financial statements will cover up to the end of the month prior to the most previous (i.e. for the March meeting, financial statements will include information as of January 31). This makes a one month delay for staff to close and adjust financial transactions as necessary. The audit is expected to be presented in the March meeting.

Executive Session: Happ made the motion to enter executive session, second by Canney at 6:10pm Discussion took place concerning legal issues and personnel issues. Lemmons moved that the board exit the executive session, second by Canney. There was no action.

Lemmons motioned to approve agenda, seconded by Kosztołnyik. The motion passed.

Minutes from January 6th were approved on a motion from Happ, seconded by Canney as amended.

Discussion:

(A)President's Report:

- (1) Penelope, Sue, Carol attended Brazos Valley Museum Benefit
- (2) Penelope, Padraic, Warren, and Carol attended the African American Museum benefit
- (3) Wagner appeared on the KAMU fundraiser
- (4) Several ACBV board members attended the OPAS Gala. Revenue from the event was down.
- (5) Wagner and Russell met with Mayor White and Councilman Crompton on general topics, Morehead is planning March 6th meeting with Mayor and Council.

(6) On Feb. 12th, Wagner and Fisher attended College Station Council Workshop for updating council on ACBV.

(B) Executive Directors:

1. Fisher thanked the Board for the evaluations and meeting with ED the next week.
2. Fisher in Austin next week for the Art Advocacy Week
3. Arts of Asia event set for Thursday Feb. 12th
4. ACBV and regional museums will host the 2010 conference of the Texas Association Of Museums annual meeting.
5. Art League hosting a “starving Artist” show and sale at the ACBV.
6. Fisher, Lee and Wagner will interview potential bookkeepers week after next.

(C) Committee:

1. Events: Committee needs Board members to help during the Arts of Asia reception. General discussion of the use and responsibilities of the Texas Gallery took place.
2. Membership: Happ will have committee meeting within the month.
3. Education: High School students are to video events with Special Olympics project.
4. By-laws: Committee to meet Feb 17th at 5:30pm, and a copy of current by-laws will be available.
5. City of College Station: March 6th meeting scheduled
6. Affiliates: ACBV is collecting dues from current affiliates, but the committee need email addresses. Craig may have them. Two current members may not renew.
7. Motorcycle Event: Sept. 26th, Independence Harley club will promote and sponsor the all-day event, which will include a scheduled ride and potentially the traveling motorcycle museum. The event will also include a photo contest of motorcycles and tattoos.

Old/New Business:

Wagner-committee assignments

1. Committee Chairs to set up meetings themselves, check with Virginia for space to meet at ACBV
2. Board to sign letters to members for renewal or becoming members
3. Affiliates - offer to host events to assist them
4. Art Business group needs to meet ASAP to get support
5. CTA desires to meet soon for any changes to format
6. Staff members will be assigned to every committee

PR piece from last month (executive committee discussed)

Meet with The Eagle for publishing

Recommended changes are move 57 affiliates to top of list, include website, add information of conferences brought to Bryan/College Station

Leadership Giving- Board members to set example by having a “Board sponsored Project”, an example would be a mural project

Adjournment:

McIlhane made motion to adjourn, seconded Canney