

**Arts Council of Brazos Valley**  
Board of Directors Meeting  
April 7, 2009

**Members Present:**

Carol Wagner, President  
Peter Canney  
Kay Conlee  
Warren Finch  
John Happ  
Penelope Kosztołnyik  
Sue Lee  
Mitch Morehead  
Becky Russell  
Tom Wilkinson

**Staff Present:**

Padriac Fisher  
Beth Taylor  
Craig Hollinger  
Harry Stoorza

David Neeley, City of College Station Staff Representative

Elisabeth Meehan, TAMU

Padraic Fisher, Executive Director

President Wagner called the meeting to order at 6:10pm.

Budget and Finance Report reviewed by Lee. Harry Stoorza answered any questions by Board members as each page was reviewed. Conference is pending with Auditor. Motion to approve by Lee, second by Morehead APPROVED

**Executive Session:**

Canney made the motion to enter executive session, second by Kosztołnyik at 6:20pm. Session included discussion concerning legal issues and personnel issues. Happ moved that the board exit the executive session, second by Canney at 6:35 pm. There was no action.

Motion by Lee to approve agenda, seconded by Canney. APPROVED

Motion by Happ to approve March minutes, seconded by Finch. APPROVED

**Discussion:**

**(A)President:**

- (1) Thank you to all of the committees for the hard work and accomplishments
- (2) Reminder – Staff needs to have cleared any activities of committees with Executive Director
- (3) Dues are due for Board members
- (4) Successful Teacher's ART exhibit
- (5) Reception to be held on May 7<sup>th</sup> for the Special Olympics Art Exhibition. Please bring 3 dozen cookies.

(6) Nomination and Scholarship committee:

The full Board will review scholarships. Russell, McIlhaney and Morehead plus 2 community members will meet in May with report to Board due in August.

**(B) Executive Director:**

- (1) Membership renewal letters need Board members to support.
- (2) Grant season beginning.
- (3) Fisher attended the Texas Association of Museums in El Paso, over 400 attendees, ACBV will co-host next years event.
- (4) Staff hallway in the building is a new Gallery with rotating art selected by the staff
- (5) The reallocation of staff resources is working out, but a few wrinkles still exist.
- (6) Board was reminded of the passing of several noted artists in our community.
- (7) Fisher and Neeley are meeting regularly before each Board meeting.
- (8) Smithsonian exhibit paid for by the CVB.

**(C) Committee Reports:**

- (1) Celebrating the Arts: Russell, planning a art auction with two major pieces of art; Betts Davis painting and Larry Schueckler sculpture
- (2) Education: Kosztołnyik; Special Olympics beginning April 20<sup>th</sup>, Special Olympics Reception on May 7<sup>th</sup>
- (3) City of College Station: Morehead; meeting with Mayor White and Councilmember Crompton to discuss: (1) ACBV building (2) forensic accounting costs incurred by ACBV (3) HOT issues. A letter requesting funding support for the City of College Station was approved by Executive Committee for item 2.
- (4) By-laws: Lee, copy of recommended changes was presented and discussed. Motion by Canney and second by Morehead to amend definition of “council” to Arts Council of Brazos Valley, Inc APPROVED. Motion by Lee and seconded by Morehead to adopt amended by-laws March/April 09. APPROVED.
- (5) Art Business Consortium, first meeting discussed recapturing old members to Consortium and to work on core marketing piece
- (6) Motorcycle: Kosztołnyik, continuing conversation with groups, had to cancel two Meetings, plan to establish a “set” meeting time.

**Old/New Business:**

Membership BBQ: Wagner reported that the BBQ has been cancelled and ACBV plans to host a Member’s Only Champagne Reception on June 11<sup>th</sup> prior to the public reception for the Texas Gallery.

Scholarship: already discussed

**Staff Reports:**

- (1) Development and Operations Manager: Taylor reported that Harry Stoorza will share office space with the Veterans and needs a flat computer screen. Taylor also reported that the Brazos Valley Art League will host the Starving Artist Sale on April 16 at the Arts Center.
- (2) Program Director: Hollinger mentioned progress with the Gallery on Dartmouth, the gallery in the staff hallway.

**Adjournment:**

Kosztolnyik made motion to adjourn, seconded by Canney.