

Arts Council of Brazos Valley
Board of Directors Meeting
May 5, 2009

Members Present:

Carol Wagner, President
Peter Canney
Kay Conlee
Warren Finch
John Happ
Penelope Kosztolnyik
Sue Lee
Lynn McIlhaney
Mitch Morehead
Becky Russell
Tom Wilkinson
David Neeley
Elisabeth Meehan, TAMU

Staff Present:

Padraic Fisher
Beth Taylor
Craig Hollinger
Harry Stoorza

Padraic Fisher, Executive Director

President Wagner called the meeting to order at 6:37pm.

Budget and Finance Report reviewed by Lee. Harry Stoorza answered any questions by Board members as each page was reviewed. Motion by Lee, second by Morehead. APPROVED

Executive Session: NONE

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

Minutes of March were approved on a motion from Canney, seconded by Morehead. APPROVED

Discussion:

(A) President:

- (1) Thank you to all of the committees - especially to Penelope and Special Olympics committee
- (2) Hosted a memorial service for Ken Paprock at ACBV
- (3) Becky, Carol, Tom and Padraic represented ACBV at Barbara Bush Literacy Corps luncheon
- (4) Appointed Nominating Committee McIlhaney Chair, Morehead, Russell, Jim Rosenheim and Julie Rich

(B) Executive Director:

Municipalities

- Rural Programs
 - o Rural Affiliates
 - o Rural Granting

- Still have the funds available and only one application – there are \$4,200 left to allocate by August.
 - Municipalities
 - Funding cycles are coming due – cities and county budget requests will be prepared and submitted by May 30
 - College Station
 - Several programs pending with them – the disposition of ownership of building is most pressing
 - Quarterly reports are in – AGO was late both last quarters
 - Believe the forensic auditor is still on the agenda for a near future council meeting
 - City staff was most helpful in amending contract to fund BV Symphony to perform in Bryan at 4th July event and not have a wolf pen creek concert in 2009
 - Bryan
 - Navasota
 - Hope to include them for 2009/2010
 - Brenham
 - Brad Stafford – Navasota set up interchange with Brenham CM ...
 - Counties
 - Brazos
 - Burleson
 - Leon
 - Madison
 - Robertson
 - Washington
 - State

Financial

- General Finances
 - Reallocate some restricted funds – recaptured \$3,400
 - In general our cash flow is very close but we are confident to make it through the year based upon pledges and grants.
- Financial Policies
 - Revisions with Committee and Board – based upon new bookkeeper
 - Awaiting best practice for electronic payments
- Membership
 - \$3120.83 and 16 members
- Arts Business Consortium Program
 - Clarify funding history
 - 2006
 - \$147K in requests
 - Received \$109K - \$78K in restricted and \$32K unrestricted
 - 2007
 - \$92K in requests
 - Received \$105K - \$69K restricted and \$37K unrestricted
 - 2008

- Requested \$87K
 - Received \$86K - \$61K restricted and \$24K unrestricted
 - 2009 requested \$163K – received to date: \$22K - \$17K restricted and \$5k unrestricted
- Business Breakfast – May 27th
 - Invitee list to be reviewed this week
 - Electronic invitations will be send Wednesday, May 13
- Budget
 - Will be covering tonight
- Pending/Pledged/Requested
 - We have over \$60,000 in current outstanding applications and requests
 - Realistically expect over \$30,000 in current pledges and requests
 - Citi Bank \$21,000
 - Bank & Trust \$1,000
 - Spirit of Texas Bank \$4,000 – confirmed \$9,000 over 2 years
 - Lone Star Quilt \$1,000
 - Wilkinson Estate \$5,000
 - Various Foundations \$10,000 (this is a realistic percentage)

Programs - Internal

- Affiliate news
 - New
 - BV Knitting Guild
 - Pending
 - News
- Art Center
 - City ownership
 - Over 35 events and programs in April – average over 2,000 visitors
- Texas Gallery
 - Reflections may 2-15, Scholarship show may 16-28
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- Gallery@Dartmouth
 - Hilton Mollenhauer through June
 - Already had about \$250 in sales through this new program
 - Staff art in July - September
- Community Gallery-at-Large© Program
 - Not canceling the program
 - Need to find new artists – may focus on students
- A.R.T. (Art Reaching Teens) for Life
 - VERY WELL
 - Terracotta Horse starts next week
 - Murals at detention center starts in June
 - Partnering with Work Force solutions
 - Possible summer employees through this program
- Reflections of a Special Olympics Athlete
 - Penelope – Laura Tankersley report

- Publications
- Celebrating the Arts
- ... & Canapés
 - Less two of these for the year

Programs – External

- Texas Reds Festival
 - June 19 & 20
- Brazos Valley World Festival
- Barbara Bush Literacy Corps
 - \$1,500 grant for the A.R.T. for Life program
- ACBV Grants programs revised:
 - o Annual Program Operating Grants – CS HOT Revenues funding
 - o Mini-Grant award
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 - o Designated Grant Program
 - o College Arts Scholarship
 - o Rural Sub-grant
- Brazos Valley Museum Consortium
 - TAM Conference
 - Museum Alliance
- Bush School Public Service Organization Advisory Panel
 - Bush School Capstone

(C) Committee Reports:

- (1) Celebrating the Arts: Russell, Catering is being donated for the membership reception
- (2) Education: Kosztołnyik; Thanks to Laura Tankersly and Craig Hollinger for support
- (3) Nominations: no report
- (4) Membership: Kosztołnyik; applications to shadow member to the ACBV Board, Benjamin Knox to judge art, Motion by Kosztołnyik and second by Canney for Arts Council Junior Leadership PASSED
- (5) College Station Relationship: Morehead; Phone conversation with Mayor discussing
- (6) Arts Council Building and various other topics.
- (7) Motorcycle Project: Canney and Kosztołnyik; reduce magnitude, want to be successful. Have the ride and displays
- (8) Art Business Consortium, Canney;
 - A. Brochure ready
 - B. ways to solicit funds
 - C. Contacts with previous and new targets list (Padraic put out list)
- (9) Celebrating the Arts: Russell; Larry Schuekler and Betts Davis have agreed to donate art for “Live Auction”, “Renaissance of Arts” is theme, will include private dinners hosted by celebrities. Miramont is donating the use of their facility.
- (10) Financial: no report

D. STAFF Reports

- (1) Knitting Guild requesting to become an affiliate of ACBV.

Motion Lee, second Wilkinson. PASSED

Old/New Business:

A. 40th Anniversary: Netta Simek to chair committee

B. Scholarship: 5 applications received:

3 from CSISD

1 home schooled

1 Iola ISD

Motion by Canney and second by Kosztolnyik to award each a \$500.00 scholarship. APPROVED

Reception at 5:30 on May 19th at ACBV.

Adjournment:

Motion by Canney, Second by Kosztolnyik. APPROVED