

Arts Council of Brazos Valley
Board of Directors Meeting
July 14th, 2009
(Resume meeting of July 7th)

Members Present:

Carol Wagner, President
Peter Canney
Sherylon Carroll
Kay Conlee
Warren Finch
Sue Lee
Thom Lemmons
Mitch Morehead
Becky Russell
Tom Wilkinson

Staff Present:

Padraic Fisher

Beth Taylor
Craig Hollinger

Padraic Fisher, Executive Director

President Wagner called the meeting to order at 6:20pm the previously suspended meeting.

Executive Session: Hold until after reports.

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

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

Discussion:

(A)Presidents: WAGNER

Litigation

(1) Report that the City of College Station has declined to participate in funding costs associated with the forensic accountant.

(2) Report that Judge Smith has indicated that there is nothing we can do but wait.

Affiliates Events (receptions)

(1) thanks to staff: great attendance and display done very well

Membership

(1) Membership continues to increase due to personal solicitations, encourage all Board members to write letters

ART for Life

(1) Encourage Board to view the progress of the youth in this program

Determination of Open Meetings Requirements

(1) It will require an Attorney General's request to determine if ACBV is subject or not to the requirements, Motion by Canney, Second by Carroll to seek a letter of determination from the Attorney General. APPROVED

(B) Executive Directors: FISHER

Executive Director Report – Board of Directors
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Correspondence

- City of College Station – Audit Funding request
- Netta Simek – thank you

Municipalities

- Rural Programs
 - o Rural Affiliates
 - o Rural Granting
 - We have more funds than applications – will distribute remaining funds to rural affiliates by end of month
- Municipalities
 - Budget cycles – all proposed budgets and funding requests are submitted
 - o College Station
 - Anticipate no HOT revenue funding for future – as per article in Eagle and conversations with city staff
 - As per request, City funded BVS0 at Bush Library on July 4th and anticipate funds will be allocated to:
 - \$1,000 – Summer Performance series – van Clyburn concert
 - \$5,000 – TAM conference
 - o Bryan
 - Bryan city presentation and year end report postponed till November
 - o Navasota
 - On agenda to present to City on July 13th
 - o Brenham
- Counties
 - o Brazos
 - Present budget to County Commissioners July 20th
 - o Burleson
 - o Leon
 - o Madison
 - o Robertson
 - o Washington
- State
 - Series of Arts Stimulus funding applications due in next couple weeks

Financial

- General Finances
 - Cash flow projections report for June
- Financial Policies
- Membership
 - \$3,000 and ___ members
- Arts Business Consortium Program
 - \$10, 750 in actuals and pledges for June
 - \$8,750 in pledges – about \$6,000 restricted
 - \$2,000 in donations received
 - o Navasota Business Breakfast – July 28th
 - At this junction I recommend postponing till August
- Budget
- Pending/Pledged/Requested

Programs - Internal

- Affiliate news
 - o New
 - o Pending
 - o News
- Art Center
- Texas Gallery
 - July Fiber Art Show- Reception is Thursday, July 9 at 5:30
 - August is Kent Kissinger – woodblock prints
 - All 2010 - 9 applications in – selection committee meeting later in July
- Gallery@Dartmouth
 - Staff art in July - September
- Community Gallery-at-Large© Program
- A.R.T. (Art Reaching Teens) for Life
 - Partnering with Work Force solutions – although the contracts are yet forth coming – meeting with workforce reps on Friday. Terracotta horse should be completed by next week – still don't have a permanent home for it. Mural project should start soon after – just received \$1,100 from TCA for this.
- Reflections of a Special Olympics Athlete
- Publications
- Celebrating the Arts
- ... & Canapés
 - Ambrose Furniture offered to host future & Canapés events – especially Young Macstros & canapés

Programs – External

- Texas Reds Festival
 - Was June 20th well received and net over \$800 on program – steady traffic flow of patrons, staff and artists were disappointed only ACBV three Board members attended.
- Brazos Valley World Festival
- Barbara Bush Literacy Corps
- ACBV Grants programs revised:
 - o Annual Program Operating Grants – CS HOT Revenues funding
 - Held the workshops - Grant application and review process will be coming up in August
 - o Mini-Grant award
 - o Designated Grant Program
 - o College Arts Scholarship
 - o Rural Sub-grant
- Brazos Valley Museum Consortium
- Bush School Public Service Organization Advisory Panel

Staff

- LeFrederick Smith – CS Consolidated graduate here through end of July through Workforce Solutions Summer Youth Program
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Discussion of Executive Director's Report

- (i) Benchmark plan: 16 businesses contacted, 3 governmental units
Meetings planned for Homebuilders in next two weeks, Realtors planned
For Nov-Dec time frame
ABC breakfast netted \$2,100 new memberships and a \$7,000 pledge
From a prior ABC attendee
The MED has freed up \$2,500 to be used for CTA
Merrill-Lynch has contributed \$500.00
Met with Gaines West, will discuss payment plan for debt
Met with Jim Pillans on business plan and suggested to create a
Strategic plan for ACBV first
- (ii) A) Met with Jeff Kirsten with City of College Station over budget concerns and continued funding from City. Revenue from HOT potentially only to fund CVB and Convention Center, so ACBV funding may then all be General Revenue. B) Supposed to meet on July 20th with Brazos County Commissioner for next years funding. C) Bryan as asked that no presentation or request until November.
- (iv) General discussion on projections in the budget especially on pledges.
- (v) A) Kent Kissinger's wood block exhibit in Texas Gallery, reception August 6th.
B) Offer potentially to host an "and Canapés" event offsite, how would Board feel about that?
General positive discussion to pursue any opportunity.
- (vi) A) Texas Reds was huge event, \$850.00 income from Booth Spaces, thanks to Kay Conlee.
B) Grant Workshop was well attended.
- (viii) Personnel policy discussed, policy on Leave Time in particular. Motion by Wilkinson, second by Conlee that the policy be recommended for approval and put on agenda of next Board meeting. APPROVED

(C) Budget and Finance Report

Reviewed the Budget presented and Attached to these minutes with General Discussion.
Motion by Lee and Second by Morehead to accept finance report. APPROVED

(D) Committee Reports:

- 1 City of College Station, Morehead, building discussions on hold until October.
2. Motorcycle Project, Canney, "Two Rivers Ride" scheduled for Sept. 27th
3. Arts Business consortium, already covered in E. D. report
4. Celebrating the Arts, Russell, Renaissance theme, Keith and Debbie Brooks donating
The decor
5. Nominating, Wagner for McIlhaney, Board asked to complete card notifying the
Nominating Committee of their status for the upcoming year.

Executive Session: (7:50)

Motion by **Canney** and Second by Russell to enter Executive Session for matters listed
On the approved agenda, APPROVED

Motion by Canney and Second by Finch to leave Executive Session

Motion by Russell, Seconded by Finch:

Offer the Executive Director of the Arts Council to resign his position, if Unwilling, the Board would terminated the employment relationship effective Immediately.

The motion was APPROVED.

Mr. Fisher rejoined the meeting and was read this motion. Mr. Fisher questioned the wisdom of this action at this time and believes it not to be in the best interest of the Arts Council. President Wagner requested an answer, Mr. Fisher then stated, "Well then, I resign"

Mr. Fisher turned in his keys to the building and agreed to meet with President Wagner to retrieve personal belonging.

VI. Future Meeting:

President Wagner indicated that due these events, several meetings will be called to create search committee to fill this Executive Directors position.

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Motion by Canney, Second by Russell APPROVED

NOTE: Board members who could not attend submitted proxies for voting, those proxies are attached to the permanent copy of these minutes.