

Arts Council of Brazos Valley
Board of Directors Meeting
November 4, 2008

Members Present:

Carol Wagner, President
Peter Canney
Sherylon Carroll
Kay Conlee
John Happ
Penelope Kosztolnyik
Sue Lee
Thom Lemmons
Lynn McIlhaney
Mitch Morehead
Becky Russell
Tom Wilkinson

David Neeley, City of College Station Staff Representative

Padraic Fisher, Executive Director

President Wagner called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Wagner introduced David Neeley Asst. City Manager for College Station. Neeley is the new City of College Station Staff representative and liaison to the ACBV.

Executive Session: Sherylon Carroll made the motion to enter executive session, second by Kay Conlee. Time 6:01pm Discussion concerning legal issues. Peter Canney moved that the board exit the executive session, second by Sue Lee. There was no action.

Wagner stated that we did not have a quorum and skip Item 3 (agenda) and 4 (minutes).

Reports:

(A)President: (1) Angus Paul, Emerging Artist Showcase at Texas Gallery reception had good crowd, sold one painting and one commission.

(2) Tom Wilkinson, Carol Wagner, Padraic Fisher and Beth Taylor attended the Thursday, October 23, 2008 College Station Council workshop and presented audit for year ending 9-30-07. Several comments all positive by council members and Mr. Brown.

(3) Funders Forum- Wagner, Fisher and Wilkinson attended the Thursday evening Forum Dinner at Cotton Exchange. Wagner, Fisher, Wilkinson and Beth Taylor attended the Friday Forum as representatives for Arts Council, many requests for information on funding and activities at Arts Council, all very positive.

(4) Retreat, thanks to those who could attend.

(5) Reception on Thursday, November 6th for the Artisan Holiday Bazaar in Texas Gallery.

(6) Appointed the executive committee to represent ACBV Board to meet with College Station City Manager Glenn Brown on variety of issues of public art and land for building etc.

(B)Executive Director:

Circle of Ten Funders forum at Brazos Center, ACBV co-sponsor and 10 affiliates were able to attend for free due to ACBV sponsorship.

Beth attended the Dallas Fundraising Conference, hosted by OEG Conferences October 27-29. Beth will also attend the Americans for the Arts; National Arts Marketing conference in Houston in November.

Affiliate dues from many have been received with some contributing extra!!

Artisan Holiday Bazaar is open in Texas Gallery, moves to lobby in December and will become the ACBV Gift Shop.

Jeff Kristen, City of College Station, called to clarify audit and clean up outstanding issues

UPCOMING EVENTS

Village Café opening Friday in Downtown Bryan

First Friday – November 7th

Numerous Veteran’s Day/Weekend events around community: Downtown Bryan: Sunday parade, museums, USO canteen

November 10th Worth Remembering public reading at Friends Congregational

November 11th 6pm at the Veterans Memorial ceremony and BBQ

November 16th Organ dedication at First United Methodist Church 4pm

(C)Treasurer:

Sue Lee presented the report with general discussion including members appreciation of the new “vendor balance summary” category. No motion to approve report, due to quorum.

(D)Membership:

Letters to be ready soon, asking board members to please sign and add personal notes to the letters.

(E)Committees:

Events Committee: Carols and Canapés December 18th, Penelope has various and continuous entertainers lined up

Audit Committee: Audit committee met and recommends re-engaging the Seidel, Schroeder and CO. accounting firm for another year, price to be same as past year.

Nomination committee: will be meeting soon, give suggestions to Lynn, but send contact information to Padraic.

Old Business:

Retreat: information from retreat is attached to your agenda for your board book

Cultural facilities inventory by a class at TAMU

Fisher attended a meeting with ACBV, RVP, Chamber and CVB went well, to be a community advisory body.

Digital ads at Easterwood Airport will be joint project with CVB.

Wagner to send a thank you letter to Lupe Reyes for service to the Board.

New Business:

Arts Council is a sponsor of the Brazos Valley 56ers Christmas Village display in Downtown Bryan. Need volunteers to work the display in December.

Adjournment:

Kosztolnyik made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Canney.