

Arts Council of Brazos Valley
Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
Tuesday, December 2, 2008
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Members Present:

Carol Wagner, President
Peter Canney
John Happ
Penelope Kosztolnyik
Sue Lee, Treasurer
Thom Lemmons
Mitch Morehead, President Elect
Becky Russell, Immediate Past President
David Neeley, City of College Station Representative
Padraic Fisher, Executive Director

As Tom Wilkinson, Secretary, was absent minutes were taken, recorded distributed by Padraic Fisher, Executive Director.

President Wagner called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. Wagner introduced City of College Station representative David Neeley and greeted Board.

Executive Session: Time In: 5:33pm Time Out: 5:57pm
Lemmons made the motion to enter executive session, second by Happ.
Discussion was concerning legal issues and facility name.
There was a recommendation for a motion.
Happ moved that the board exit the executive session, second by Conlee.

Actions from Executive Session:

Russell made the motion authorize Wagner, Russell and Fisher to meet with District Attorney's office to discuss restitution options. The motion was seconded by Lee and passed by resolution of Executive Committee.

Lee moved the Board of Directors shall not pursue civil action(s) against former Director P. David Romei or Brewer Eyeington Patout & Co. The motion was seconded by Russell and passed by resolution of Executive Committee.

Agenda and Minutes:

As a quorum was not present there was no review and approval of the Agenda.

As a quorum was not present the review and approval of the Minutes of the November 4, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Board was tabled until the next regular meeting of the Board in January 2009.

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Discussion:

A. President's Report, Wagner:

1. Thank you to all Board members and ACBV supporters for their "show of strength" at the PDR trial.
2. Wagner will thank media for coverage and support of ACBV and arts in community during the PDR trial.
3. There shall be a Sip-n-See on Thursday, December 4th for Riley Shaddix.
4. City of College Station wished to move forward quickly on settling the future of the Art Center – Morehead to Chair this committee and initiative.
5. There was discussion on Executive Committee meeting times. It was decided that beginning January 2009, all Executive Committee meetings will take place at 5pm immediately preceding all regular Board meetings which will begin at 6pm.
6. Wagner once again thanked the Board for their service through the past two exhausting years.

B. Committees:

As Russell needed to leave, this agenda item was covered early: Russell reported on Carols and Canapés – this will be a fun evening for all. Each Board member is requested to bring two dishes – one sweet/one savory. Kosztołnyik has arranged artist. Fisher to find storyteller. Board is encouraged to help get as many patrons to this event as possible.

C. Executive Director's Report, Fisher:

1. After discussion with him, Warren Finch has accepted and will be joining Board of Directors.
2. Morehead expressed concern over process to attract and elect new Board members. It was discussed this was extraordinary circumstance to fill the three Board vacancies created during the PDR trial.
3. Happ suggested the By-Laws committee review quorum requirements for future.
4. Contractors are ready to proceed with any name removal when and if the need should be.
5. Upcoming events:
 - i. Children's Museum Gala – Thursday, Dec 4 – ACBV will purchase 2 tickets
 - ii. Stitchers Christmas Party – tree raffle drawing – Saturday, Dec. 6
 - iii. Music teachers Ensemble Festival – Saturday Dec. 6
 - iv. Christmas Village reception – Monday, Dec.8
 - v. Carols and Canapés – December 18th
 - vi. BVMNH Tom Turbiville salute – January 8
6. Board can purchase and pick up polo shirts at January meeting
7. A trailer of festival rigging from 1997 FestiFall was found by County Sheriff's office. Board approved Fisher's recommended donating this to City of Bryan for Texas Reds.

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8. Fisher asked Board direction on round table (formerly PDR's) at ACBV and glass top table from Dr. Smith. It was decided to revisit this on or after the January meeting.

D. Budget/Finance:

There not being a quorum the budget was reviewed but no actions taken.

Lee reported we are paying legal fees slowly but surely and will continue monthly. The outstanding audit fees to Seidel, Schroeder & Company have been paid in full. Except for attorney there are no outstanding major bills.

Wagner requested the Finance Committee to meet just prior to Executive Committee meetings to facilitate expedited report process.

Lee stated she is happy with current reports and financial status.

Happ wants to see ACBV audits on website

E. Committees - continued:

Motorcycles (Harleys and Hotdogs) Art program committee should meet before the end of the year to discuss progress of this event.

After first of the year, the By-Laws Committee should meet to review any possible changes or revisions – includes any past or possible future Personnel Policy revisions.

F. Old Business

Fisher reported that thanks again to the Plass Foundation the fixtures for the Gift Shop area are being purchased and he hopes – at least a small portion of it – will be open for holiday shopping.

G. New Business

No new business was discussed.

H. Adjournment

6:34pm Kosztołnyik moved to adjourn, second by Lee there being no opposed the motion carried.