

ARTS COUNCIL OF BRAZOS VALLEY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 20, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Carol Wagner, President Elect
Penelope Kosztołnyik
Sue Lee
Thom Lemmons
Mitchell Morehead
Guadalupe Reyes, Jr.
Netta J. Simek
Tom Wilkinson
John Happ
Padraic Fisher, Executive Director
Guest – Susan Manna

President Elect Wagner called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and introduced the guest, Susan Manna, from the City of College Station Budget department. Fisher reported that the Annual Program Grant Review Panel met on August 19 from 8 am to 6 pm. The deadline for grant applications was July 25, but was extended for two weeks. Seventeen applications were received, totaling \$229,800 in funding requests. The staff recommended to allocate \$180,800 total to the affiliates. The Review Panel Scores and recommended amounts for the affiliates were presented. Wilkinson moved to accept the staff recommendation for the 2009 grant allocation; Kosztołnyik seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The Board thanked Manna for her participation in the Grant Review Panel. Manna then exited the meeting.

Kosztołnyik moved to approve the agenda; Morehead seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Wilkinson moved to approve the minutes; Lemmons seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Wagner said that she learned a lot from the Grant Review Panel process and obtained some good ideas.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Fisher reported that Beth Taylor has started as the new Development and Operations Manager and is doing a good job. Flirt! magazine is using Fisher's personal collections in its publication, and the ACBV will get a quarterly ad in the magazine.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Morehead presented the financial reports. The Profit & Loss Actual statement is in line with the Budget. Reyes moved to accept the financial reports; Kosztołnyik seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Morehead reported that letters have been mailed to local accounting firms requesting proposals for the possibility of outsourcing our bookkeeping.

There were three responses. Morehead and others will interview one company and present their recommendations to the next Board meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Spring Festival Committee:

Fisher reported that Jesse Odum and Shannon Fite will chair the Spring Festival.

Celebrating the Arts:

Wilkinson reported that the invitations for the CTA have been mailed.

Audit Committee:

Wilkinson reported that Michelle from Seidel, Schroeder & Co. will be at our next Board meeting to present the draft of the audit for the year ended September 30, 2007.

NEW BUSINESS

Fisher reported that we started an art project for youth in detention with the Brazos Valley Juvenile Services. We hope to grow this program into a long term project. We will need to revise the budget and hope to find a sponsor for this program.

There being no further business, Wilkinson moved to adjourn the meeting; Kosztolnyik seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.