

**ARTS COUNCIL OF BRAZOS VALLEY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

June 3, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Carol Wagner, President Elect
Penelope Kosztołnyik
Sue Lee
Thom Lemmons
Guadalupe Reyes, Jr.
Netta J. Simek
Dianne Stropp
John Happ
Lynn McIlhaney
Padraic Fisher, Executive Director

President Elect Wagner called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Simek moved to enter the Executive Session; Lee seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The Board entered the Executive Session immediately. Kosztołnyik moved to exit the Executive Session; Stropp seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The Executive Session ended at 5:45 p.m.

Happ moved to approve the agenda; Reyes seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. McIlhaney moved to approve the minutes; Kosztołnyik seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Elect Wagner reported that we have paid off \$20,000 second lien loan from Citibank on May 12, two month ahead of schedule. Citibank has also pledged \$21,000 contribution to the ACBV. The Reflections of a Special Olympics Athlete show was a big success, receiving front page coverage from the TV Facts. The ACBV has two page advertisement on the new Flirt! magazine.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Fisher presented the following reports:

1. We have received a \$10,000 check from the Zurich Insurance Company. This is in settlement of the claim of losses against former director P. David Romei.
2. The upcoming events around town: The Art League Members Show reception is on June 5, ArtStep/First Friday is on June 6, and Texas Reds is on June 20 & 21.
3. The full \$8700 grant from TCA has been allocated for the rural programs. Recipients are: Navasota Blues Festival \$2500, Brenham Children's Chorus \$2500, Burton Cotton Gin \$2500, and Navasota Nostalgia Days \$1200.
4. Two pending Affiliates – Hindu Student Union and Chara Christian Dance Company – will be denied.
5. We would like to invite the following organizations to submit applications for Affiliate status: Museum of American GI in College Station, Madisonville Arts

Council, Navasota Nostalgia Days/Chamber of Commerce, Theatre Guild of Burleson County, and Grimes County Chamber of Commerce.

6. The membership drive went well, surpassing last year. From October 1, 2007 to May 27, 2008, we have 161 members totaling \$42,885.00.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Fisher presented the financial reports. All bills are current. Wagner moved to authorize the ACBV staff to amend the current budget to reflect the current income and expenses; Stropp seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Reyes moved to accept the financial reports; Lee seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Fisher presented the motion to accept the proposed budget from the Finance Committee. Discussions followed. The motion passed unanimously.

Wagner reported that Fisher has looked into setting up the IRA retirement policy for our employees. It was agreed that only full time employees will be eligible to participate, and employees can deposit up to 10% of income with the ACBV matching 1 to 3 % annually. Wagner moved to authorize fisher to set up the retirement fund with the American Funds Company for our employees; Stropp seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit Committee:

Fisher passed out the completed audit reports for the year ended September 30, 2006 to Board members for review.

Celebrating The Arts:

Wagner presented the motion to accept the awards nominees proposed by the CTA committee and to empower the committee to make adjustment on the nominees if needed. The motion passed unanimously.

Nominating Committee:

McIlhane reported that the Nominating Committee will meet next week to select the new Board members for the coming year and will check with the cities to see any applicants interested in serving on the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

Kosztolnyik reported that the Music Teacher Association will possibly look for a smaller piano to partner with the Arts Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Fisher said that the ACBV would like to do a Business Breakfast fundraising on June 26 and asked the Board members to invite the potential supporters.

There being no further business, Kosztolnyik moved to adjourn the meeting; Stropp seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

