

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

March 4, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Becky Russell, President
Penelope Kosztolnyik
Sue Lee
Thom Lemmons
Guadalupe Reyes, Jr.
Netta J. Simek
Dianne Stropp
Carol Wagner
Kay Conlee
Tom Wilkinson
John Happ
Lynn McIlhaney
Padraic Fisher, Executive Director

President Russell called the meeting to order at 5:17 p.m. Lemmons moved to approve the agenda; Stropp seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Happ moved to approve the minutes; Lemmons seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Russell praised the Board members for being actively involved in the community activities and services. She reported that Mahimtura has resigned as a Board member.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Fisher presented the following reports:

1. He encouraged the Board members to attend the upcoming events around town.
2. A draft of the development and fundraising business plan is here. He will meet with the committee to review it.
3. There are two Mini Grants applications: \$650 by the Brazos Valley Stitchers and \$1000 by the Armstrong/Bergeron Dance Company. Wagner moved to approve the Mini Grants; Simek seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
4. The idea of Harley-Davidson motorcycle fundraising event was discussed.
5. The Museum of GI will have a fundraising event on March 28-29 to support the National GI Museum.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Fisher presented the financial reports. He explained the legal and forensic auditor fees billed so far and the expected audit/accounting fee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit Committee:

Wilkinson reported that he has talked with Seidel, Schroeder regarding the FY 2005/2006 audit report, and that he will continue talking with them.

Membership:

Wagner and Fisher reported on this committee. With Mahimtura's leaving, we need a new chair for the Membership Committee. We will send follow up letters to the initial mailing. We have 125 members and \$34,810 contributed now. We need to branch out and invite more businesses to join.

Event Committee:

Lemmons & Canapes event will be on March 27 at 5:30 pm, and the cost is \$35.

Education Committee:

Lee reported that the committee is working on our third annual Reflections of the Special Olympics Athlete exhibit. The reception honoring the athletes will be held on May 1. In addition to the returned artists, we will have more participation from the area schools. Our committee members have helped at the College Station and Bryan High Schools to help create the art works.

Affiliates Committee:

Wagner moved to invite the Calvert Women's Club to become an official affiliate of the ACBV; Conlee seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Board members are encouraged to submit new names and young people to the Nominating Committee as the potential Board member. It is suggested that we put the applications on line and reach out to other county residents.

There being no further business, Wagner moved to adjourn the meeting; Stropp seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.