

VAST Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2005, 2:30 p.m.

- 1) Present were Jo Williams, Devon Wattier, Ingrid Scobie, Robin Butt, Fran Shurtleff, Millie Johnson, Beverly Sipos
- 2) President Williams asked for a motion to approve the February 3, 2005 minutes. Motion to approve was made by Fran Shurtleff and seconded by Robin Butt.
- 3) In the absence of Treasurer Nancy Donley, Williams gave the Treasurer's report. The checking account from the Treasurer shows a balance of \$5033.54; Certificate of Deposit, \$4000; and Money Market Account, \$6003.76, yielding a total of \$15,357.30. Current update shows an inflow of \$130, and outflow of \$450, yielding a final total of \$15,037.30.
- 4) In the absence of First Vice-President Diane Dorn, Williams reported on the Joye Moon Workshop to be held July 19-22, 2005. Nancy Donley has agreed to be Chair. An announcement will be made and a sign-up sheet available at the General Meeting. Williams reported that Dorn would be present at the General Meeting to introduce guest artist Mary Anne Durnin, and had given her a report showing a list of upcoming guest artists through February, 2006. Guest artists are as follows: (2005) September: Ahna Hubnik, photo October: Joel Sampson, creative paper techniques: toner transfer and collage November: Colby Parsons O'Keefe, clay December: Melanie Singleton, painter. Dorn suggested that she is also a possibility for a workshop, either impressionistic or portraiture. (2006) January: Jennifer Quarles, clay February: Arlene Anderson, gourd art
- 5) Williams presented a suggestion that Second Vice-President Beth Haywood send the list of local exhibitions and exhibitors to the newsletter. Due to Haywood's absence, there was no report on recent local exhibits.
- 6) Williams reported on the Spring Exhibition budget, which she had itemized in detail for Board members. The total income from entry fees is \$7760.00, and GDAC Grant Funds, \$1000. The total expenses are \$7560.00, which includes \$1000 in GDAC awards. Williams also reported that VAST member Deanna Wood had been contracted to work at the CVA for three days in order to receive crated work shipped for the Spring Exhibition. Wood will also be present at the end of the show to re-crate the work for shipping. Her fee will be \$225. Executive Director Ingrid Scobie and Williams suggested that there would possibly be an upgrade of the invitations to the Spring Exhibit by including an image. Williams expressed the need for many more volunteers for the reception for juror Jesus Moroles. The reception, now entitled "A Celebration! Weaving Art, Music and Dance" will be held Friday, April 1, 2005, at the CVA. The use of the word "gala" will not be used for the reception, since the term "gala" is used for more extensive fund raising than the current reception for Moroles. Scobie showed the Board a final mock-up of the invitation to the reception, which shows an image of Mr. Moroles and one of his massive granite works, which is characterized by an impression of "weaving" which inspired the new name for the reception. The reception will begin at 5:00 p.m., with

dinner at 5:45, a folkloric dance presentation by the TWU International Folk Dance Company at 6:30, and a concert by classical guitarist Carlo Pezzimenti at 7:00. At 8:00 p.m. Moroles will offer a free public lecture, "Jesus Moroles and his Public Art", and a book signing of his book entitled Granite Sculpture (2005). Scobie reported that the dinner was donated by El Zarape restaurant, and dessert by Cold Stone Creamery, and that many other donations and generous support have been given for this event. She stated that the ticket costs would be \$15 for a single; \$25 for a couple; and \$125 for a table (8 seats). Scobie praised Jorge Urbina of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, whom she said has been unusually supportive and helpful for her work on the reception. She stated that Mr. Urbina contacted the underwriter at First United Bank who donated \$1000, and attained another \$500 from the UNT's President's office, and has offered volunteer support. Scobie also praised the support from TWU, who has already underwritten \$300, and has now agreed to pay an additional \$350 to help with the expenses of printing and mailing. Wheeler Printing, who is printing the invitations, is also underwriting some of the costs. Scobie said that the 2300 invitations would be sent out sometime next week. Logos from all major donors for the reception will be included on the invitations.

7) There was no membership report due to the absences of Vidya Kagal and C. J. Solberg.

8) Devon Wattier, Newsletter Editor, requested that printed copies of the newsletter be sent to her for her files, since her copies are often torn in the mail. Scobie suggested that there be a "Mark Your Calendar" column on the front page of Vision which could be placed in the lower right-hand corner and have a complete list of upcoming events.

9) Historian Robin Butt presented a new VAST History Book for the Board to review. She had organized VAST news clippings from the Denton Record-Chronicle by the dates they were published, and sealed the pages in plastic for preservation. The Board agreed that Butt had done an excellent job and that the book looked very professional. It was agreed that it should be presented at the General Meeting for viewing.

10) Webmaster Beverly Sipos reiterated that she is resigning as Webmaster on June 1, 2005, and that a replacement must be found by that time.

11) Williams urged Board members to donate paintings for the silent auction to be held on March 24, 2005 to benefit the tsunami victims. Cathy Mitchell, VAST member and DISD art teacher who is in charge of the auction, has stated that work should be delivered to the CVA between 5-6 p.m. on the evening of the auction, which will then be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

12) Calendar Chair Kathy Mendes was not present and no report was made on VAST calendar advertising sales for 2006.

13) Williams announced that she had been informed by Nominating Chair Jo Nash that Leslie Kregel, who is a teacher at Denton H. S., has agreed to be Second Vice-President

for next year. Williams expressed concern about the number of vacancies for next year on the VAST Executive Committee and the difficulty with getting more volunteers for these jobs.

14) The meeting was adjourned, 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Millie Johnson, Secretary