

Minutes VAST Board Meeting February 2, 2006 3:00-4:30 PM

Lynne Cagle called the meeting to order at 3:17 pm. The following people were present: Dana Blanchard, Becca Hines, Barbara Miller, Ingrid Scobie, Mike Strecher, Jo Williams, Pip Butt, Leslie Kregel, Ernie Benton, Mary S. Morris, Fran Shurtleff, and Lynne Cagle.

Minutes

Becca Hines moved to accept the December Executive Committee Meeting minutes. Mary S. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

General Announcements

Ingrid announced that VAST received approximately \$118.00 from the Barnes & Noble Booksellers fundraiser in November, 2005.

Budget Report

Lynne presented Mike Strecher's current budget as of February 1, 2006. The current balance in the 1st State Bank checking account was \$17,447.59. The CD balance was \$4,000.00 and the Money Market balance was \$2,043.23. The combined total assets were \$23,490.82.

VAST Advisory Board

Lynne Cagle reported on the progress made in this area by Jo Williams (who was unable to attend the first part of the meeting). A planning meeting was set by Jo to meet with potential members of the VAST Advisory Board to discuss board composition, proposed amendments to VAST by-laws, meeting schedule, and mission statement. The planning meeting was set for 7:30 am, Monday, February 13, 2006, at the Radisson Hotel Sunset Grille. Invited participants (to date) were Jo Williams, Lynne Cagle and Ingrid Scobie to represent VAST, Kraig Springer (GDAC and Denton business community), Jorge Urbina (Denton business community), Robert Milnes (UNT), John Weinkein (TWU), Randy Robinson (United Bank), Tim Crouch (Crouch Group), and Paul Chandler (TexasBank).

VACD

Lynne Cagle re-addressed the issue of joining VACD at the organization level, a topic which was initially presented to the VAST Executive Committee in January, 2006. Committee members presented the following questions for consideration in making the decision:

- Is there a commission fee for works sold during exhibitions?
- What is the cost of membership compared to the benefits of membership?
- Who gets to enter exhibitions?
- Will VAST have representation on the VACD Board?

Fran Shurtleff moved that more research be conducted to answer these questions and that an online vote be conducted. Ernie Benton seconded the motion. The motion passed. A follow-up email was sent to all Executive Committee members and an online vote was conducted. The Committee voted unanimously to join VACD for 2006.

A VAST exhibition in the VACD gallery is scheduled for September, 2007. It was suggested by Ingrid Scobie that winners from the 2007 Members Exhibition be invited to hang work in this exhibition. Since exhibiting in the VACD gallery will require a \$20 membership fee from each artist, it was also suggested that VAST members whose work was juried into the 2007 VAST Spring Exhibition also be invited to hang work in the VACD exhibition.

Educational Programs

Dana Blanchard reported that she was working on the monthly demonstrations program for 2006-2007 and announced a partial slate of presenters.

Dana Blanchard reported on summer workshop possibilities. She reported that Katherine Lontas Warren is not available for Summer, 2006, but would be available for Summer, 2007. Other suggestions for summer workshop presenter include Liz Yarosz and Judy Mc Combs. The Executive Committee expressed interest in bringing in Judy Mc Combs to do a pastel workshop.

Jo Williams provided an update on the Carol Carter workshop indicating only a few open spots for artists.

2006-2007 Executive Board Nominees

Mary S. Morris reported that four of the five elected positions would be open this coming year with two nominations already accepted: Secretary, Barbara Miller and President, Lynne Cagle. The Nominating Committee will continue to speak with potential candidates to fill the following positions: First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, and Treasurer.

Harry Potter Spring Break

The question was raised as to whether or not VAST should partner with Barnes & Noble Booksellers (B&N) and the Denton Public Library for a Harry Potter Spring Break event. VAST's role in the partnership would be to develop, coordinate, and conduct a free Dragon Collage Workshop on March 18 in the B&N store at Denton's Golden Triangle Mall. B&N would provide all of the workshop materials and the Denton Public Library would provide two (2) volunteers to assist with the workshop. Mary S. Morris made a motion for VAST to participate in this partnership. Lynne Cagle seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Spring Exhibition

Lynne Cagle reported for Amber O'Dell that contracts are coming in as expected. Volunteers are needed for delivery of shipped works and for take in of hand-delivered works.

Members Exhibition

Lynne Cagle initiated a discussion on possible solutions to the exhibition space problems associated with the Members Exhibition. She suggested looking at additional venues in the Denton area to accommodate all entries such that every member who entered would have one piece included in the exhibition. Jo mentioned that she plans to have her gallery space available by Summer, 2006. Executive Committee members were asked to consider other possibilities.

Newsletter

A random procedure (used previously to ensure equal opportunity for selection) was used to select the names of members for the "Spotlight on Member" article in the newsletter: Robert England, Lisa Daniels, Donna Housey, Fran Shurtleff, and Mary Jo Armstrong.

Lynne announced that the next board meeting would be Thursday, March 2, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Cagle
President
March 2, 2006