

Bossier Arts Council
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2006
5:30 P.M.

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. In attendance were Pam Glorioso, Holly French, Jolene Johnson, Donna Cherry, Jane Barton, Edward Allen, Chris Keenan, Bob Robinson and Marlene Harner.

Agenda was approved with a motion from Bob Robinson and a second from Jane Barton. The Minutes were approved with a motion from Jane Barton and a second from Pam Glorioso. Anne Susman gave the Treasurer's report in place of Carol Reyenga. The report was approved with a motion from Bob Robinson and a second from Pam Glorioso.

Holly French gave the President's Report stating that the search committee had a prospect in mind for executive director and would be asking board members to vote on the search committee's recommendation prior to June 5, 2006.

Holly presented the BAC slate of Officers to be voted on at the Annual Membership Meeting on June 5, 2006.

The 2006-2007 Slate of Officers is as follows:

President	Holly French
Vice President	Terri Mathews
Vice President of Fundraising	Bob Robinson
Secretary	Donna Cherry
Treasurer	Carol Reyenga

Holly informed the board that Julie Butterfield has declined to be a board member at this time, as Julie feels that she has not been able to dedicate enough time to her position with the Bossier Arts Council. Additionally, Holly informed the board of Lea Stroud's interested in serving on the BAC's Board of Directors.

Holly called upon the committee chairs to give their reports.

Richard Folmer gave the EBT/EBG Committee Report for John Cook.

The Committee reported

- they have an EBG 2006-07 Season (see attached schedule).
- they are discussing moving the sculpture from front to Building to front of Annex, Bossier City has graciously agreed to pay for the move; however, the BAC will have to pay for a pestle to place the statue on. The artist has been contacted and the committee is looking into a pestle with board approval prior to any work being done.
- they are looking into placing a sign in front of the BAC in keeping with the esthetics of the building and neighborhood.
- they are looking into a book signing to be held at EBG as this has been done in the past with excellent results.
- currently, Are We There Yet? is in playing in EBT, please come to see this delightfully funny show, and despite what the critic said.

- they have purchased a Clavinova at the cost of \$5,424.57 which includes tax, delivery, and a five year warranty. A plaque will be displayed honoring Mayor Dement and Sunshine and in memory of their son David.
- they are searching for lagniappe events such as poetry, music, ect. These events could take during the theatre's down time.

Anne Susman gave the Arts Education and Grants Committee report for Cathleen Johnson.

The Committee reported

- on ways to better serve the children of our community and suggested working with BAFB Fall &/or Christmas Festival and family center and the possibility of having a children's art area at LA Boardwalk in conjunction w/ an event planned by the Boardwalk.
- applications are available for PAS (project assistance grants) and D.A.F. (Decentralized Arts Funding), the deadline for these grants is June 30, 2006. These 2 grant programs offer appropriately \$53,000 in grant funds to local citizens.
- last month (April) on the 19th held a successful BAC Mini-Grant and Decentralized Arts Funding Workshop. Had approximately a dozen people attend and have received many requests for grant applications in both areas.
- Kathy and Anne attended LDOA workshop at Art Space and were approved to write a Capacity Building Grant through the Louisiana Division of the Arts. Submitting grant application to LDOA by May 15, 2006.
 - Focusing on marketing the BAC, will be using the marketing firm of Gremillion & Pou, will be meeting w/ Ann Gremillion this week.
- the BAC will be applying for AIE Grant through the LDOA by May 15, 2006. Grant will continue long standing partnership with BPSB Meet with Linda Lewis and Myra Odom who encouraged our efforts.
- the BAC will be applying for grants in late summer and early fall with Beaird Foundation and Target.
- Shaun & Anne attend a grant workshop presented by SB Tourism Bureau; we are looking into the possibilities of applying for a public art grant.
- Anne attended the Louisiana Philanthropic Grant workshop; Anne found it to be informative and helpful with grant writing in the future.

- AIE Committee agreed to renew Cynthia (Cookie) Garner's Contract
- Registration for Creativity Camp is going well. Ask for an allocation of \$100 to provide 4 scholarships in which the BAC would pay half of the cost for both Theatre and Visual Arts Camps.

Bob Robinson made a motion to provide two, \$30 Creativity Camp Theatre scholarship and two, \$20 Visual Arts scholarships. The motion second by Jane Barton and so moved.

Kathy McCallister, as acting Executive Director, reported on the following:

- the budget and possible reconstruction of the Bossier Arts Council's staff. (attached are the proposed budget with staff job descriptions)
- explained the proposed budget for 2006-07, which includes
 - having the Executive Director Salary at \$29,000 and
 - the Community Development Coordinator becoming a full time position with an annual salary at \$24,000,
 - recommended hiring part time staff to work in East Bank Gallery on weekends,
 - and hiring an East Bank Gallery Consultant.

Copies of the proposed budget and job descriptions were given out with a vote to be taken on June 5, 2006.

Kathy asked for board approval to move in May a CD that is currently with Hibernia to Citizens, with a motion from Chris Keenan and a second from Ed Allen the motion so passed.

Kathy asked for board approval for the **Young Women of Tomorrow** (a mentoring program) to meet on Saturdays in the BAC Board Room. The Board unanimously agrees this is a worth while cause and is please to extend the meeting space to the **Young Women of Tomorrow**.

Kathy asked that all Board members fill out evaluation forms and return them to the BAC as soon as possible.

With no further business, Jane Barton made a motion to adjourn and with a second from Marlene Harner the meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Robert R Robinson

