

Spring Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2017

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Pat Moody called the meeting to order, and Natalie took roll. The board members in attendance were Sally Bebawy, Pat Chaffee, Natalie Cuicchi, Nick DeFord, Reneau Dubberley, Richard Dwyer, Rob Harvey, Doug Lawrence, Danielle McDaniel, Pat Moody, Linda Nutt, David Stempel, Nancy Wallace, Colleen Williams, and Cara Young. Executive Director Teri Alea was also in attendance.

Absent with excuse were Julie Boisseau-Craig, Tim Hintz, Eve Hutcherson, Morganne Keel, Michele Lambert, and Kim Winkle. Rose Fang was also not in attendance.

Approval of the previous minutes was unanimous.

President's Statement

Pat M commented on the good board member support at this year's Spring Fair.

Executive Director's Report

Teri showed a video of the Spring Fair that highlighted the array of art at the fair and the process of making it. We had an inaugural partnership with Walk/Bike Nashville that we want continue for the Fall Fair. Other ideas mentioned were surveying the bike riders when they come back to get their bikes and having a holding tent for fair attendees to pick up their purchases later in the fair.

One area of improvement for the fairs is parking. Teri thinks we need a team to patrol and ensure that artists are not taking attendees' parking since that can deter attendance. She would love for a board member to lead this effort.

Treasurer's Report

On behalf of Morganne, Teri reviewed the financial statements with the Board members. Our Operating and Chapter Accounts are well above where they were last year at this time. Accounts Receivable and Accumulated Depreciation are a little higher because we are handling them differently. Over \$20,000 has already been directly distributed to artists this year. We are showing higher net income because we haven't paid all of the fair expenses yet.

Reneau moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, and Richard seconded with unanimous approval.

Consent Agenda

Richard made a motion to include all chapter reports and Diversity, Fair, Fundraising, and Scholarship committee reports on the consent agenda. Reneau seconded the motion, and the board members unanimously approved.

New Business

Rob Harvey is standing in for the Plateau representative due to recent Chapter leadership changes. He discussed some challenges that his chapter had with the Emerging Makers' Tent. There was good discussion about the requirement of having a Chapter Coordinator and other related topics.

Pat presented the recommendation from the Honorary Membership Committee of providing a lifetime membership to Tennessee Craft to selected members and corresponding recognition to those who have made incredibly significant contributions to Tennessee Craft. The board accepted the proposal, except to update the wording to state that no more than three (up to three?) people can be nominated per year so that the honor is preserved and not diluted with too many members. Danielle recommended including this presentation with the Best of Tennessee Craft museum exhibit in 2018. Reneau made a motion, and Richard seconded with unanimous approval by the Board members. The committee will bring the suggested nominations to the August Board meeting in East Tennessee.

Pat asked Nancy to chair the Nominating Committee with membership from Richard, Linda, and Sally. David made the motion to accept the proposed membership of this committee, and Doug seconded with unanimous approval by the Board members.

Mark your calendars!

Board Meeting Schedule

The future board meetings are the following dates:

- Friday – Saturday, Aug 4-5 with a social on Friday – Location TBD (since determined to be Knoxville)
- Saturday, Nov 11 – Nashville

Fair Dates

- Fall Fair: Thurs - Sun, Sept 21 - 24, 2017

Adjournment

Natalie made a motion to adjourn, and Pat C seconded. Board members unanimously approved to adjourn.