

Fall Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2015

Kraft CPAs
555 Great Circle Rd
Nashville, TN 37228

Tim Hintz called the meeting to order at 10:09 am.

Roll was taken. The Board Members in attendance were Tim Hintz, Teri Alea, Dana Blickwedel, Natalie Cuicchi, Jane Ann McCullough, Pat Moody, Morganne Keel, Jim Hoobler, Linda Nutt, Meagan Hall, Diane Hayes, David Stempel, and Pat Chaffee.

Absent with excuse were Kim Winkle, Ben Hopper, Aleta Chandler, Anderson Bailey, Eve Hutcherson, and Gabriel Greenlaw. Mary Ellen Pitts and Michael Robison were also not present.

Tim recognized Jim Hoobler, Jane Ann McCullough, and Diane Hayes for their Board service, as their tenures are completing this year.

Approval of the minutes of the last meeting was moved by Jim and seconded by Morganne. They were unanimously approved.

President's Report

Linda Nutt, chairman of the nominating committee, reviewed the following people who are nominated as members-at-large on the Board of Directors: Kim Winkle, Richard Dwyer, and Michele Lambert. Pat Moody is nominated as the Vice President. The slate of nominees was approved by the Board. The ballot will be distributed for membership vote, and these members will begin their terms in January. Tim stressed the importance of having each Board member donate to Tennessee Craft. Further, Board members should donate before the end of January when Teri updates the Giving Matters profile.

Executive Director's Report

Teri mentioned the need for the Board members to think about alternative membership models as the Chapter structure that includes regular meetings may not be the best way to reach the artists. Linda Nutt mentioned the need to understand what the artists want from us as a statewide organization. The minority of chapters has not yet complied with our guideline to operate as a group under the Emerging Makers tent at the fairs, and the staff is doing a lot of the work that the Chapter Treasurer should be doing. The financial operations of the Chapters and Emerging Makers tent needs to be refined. Jennifer Knowles will analyze membership models of different art groups for additional options, and further discussion will take place between Meagan, Teri, and staff in preparation for next year's Chapter Retreat.

The staff will be reviewing the survey results from the inaugural Tennessee Craft Week, for which we received a national award. Teri and Michele Lambert will approach Crissy Haslam with a proposal to have a strong, fine craft focus in the Tennessee State Museum.

Treasurer's Report

Dana reviewed the financial reports that showed revenue of \$164,000 for the 2016 budget (since July 2015) so far. The 2016 proposed budget includes \$466,270 in projected revenue and \$461,039 in projected expenses, resulting in net revenue of \$5,231.

Dana made a motion to approve the budget, and Jane Ann seconded. The budget was unanimously approved.

Committee and Chapter Reports

Teri commented that an article will be written to spotlight volunteers at the chapter level, including Ursula Vann, who has been the treasurer for the Southeast Chapter for 20 years. A task force will be created to analyze and review alternate membership models. If interested in joining, please let Teri know. Pat M moved to make committee reports and chapter reports part of the consent agenda. Diane seconded, and the board members unanimously approved.

New Business

Tim proposed that the February Retreat be in Smithville. The Appalachian Center for Craft will provide a conference room at no cost, and there is accommodation at Lakeside resort. The Chapter will host a fundraising party with a band on Saturday night, with tickets priced at \$20. Everyone agreed with having the retreat in Smithville. Tim will send the accommodation options and associated pricing information to the Board members in email. Dana volunteered to be part of the retreat planning committee. This committee will decide whether a facilitator is needed and make other arrangements for the weekend.

The Best of Tennessee Craft Exhibit will take place in the Reese Museum next year mid-August through mid-November. Discussion for this committee needs to center on programming opportunities, jury option, etc. We will approach Mary B. Martin School of the Arts Foundation and others as potential sponsors.

Board Meeting Schedule

The future board meetings are the following dates:

- Saturday and Sunday, February 27 – 28 – Board Retreat in Smithville
- Saturday, May 21
- Saturday, August 6 – Chattanooga
- Saturday, November 12

Adjournment

Jim moved and Dana seconded adjournment with unanimous approval.