

Spring Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes  
May 21, 2016

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Tim Hintz called the meeting to order at 10:12 am.

Roll was taken. The Board Members in attendance were Tim Hintz, Teri Alea, Natalie Cuicchi, Dana Blickwedel, Pat Moody, Morganne Keel, Linda Nutt, Anderson Bailey, Meagan Hall, Richard Dwyer, David Stempel, Pat Chaffee and Nancy Wallace.

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

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

**President's Report**

Tim proposed to include Morganne on the Executive Committee. Richard moved to approve the proposal, and Linda seconded. The board members unanimously approved.

Tim discussed the Nominating Committee and the importance of having the right membership on this committee to plan for our future leadership. Pat M will be on that committee as she is the next President to start her term in January 2017. Dana volunteered to be part of the committee.

**Executive Director's Report**

Teri discussed the success of the Spring Fair with higher quality of art and record sales for many artists. She commended the new approach of including the Welcome Tent in the tent circle with opportunity to build upon that in future fairs. The use of the picture frame provided additional marketing opportunities. Having a larger tent with two entrances and more sponsorship banner opportunities are the needed improvements.

Tourism is again a sponsor for Tennessee Craft Week, which will be October 7 – 16, 2016. Teri discussed alignment opportunities with other organizations for optimal publicity and attraction.

Teri acknowledged that we awarded four scholarships, two to Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts and two to the Appalachian Center for Craft. She also highlighted several items from the Chapter reports and walked us through website updates and showcased resources that are available.

**Treasurer's Report**

Dana provided financial training as a refresher for board members given each individual's fiduciary responsibility and then reviewed the financial reports.

Linda made a motion to continue current budget practices of using a board-approved grants budget until we have more information from our government grant awards and spending trends in FY16, and David seconded. There was unanimous approval. The Executive Committee will approve the 2017 budget in June, and the budget will be presented to the entire Board in August.

### **Committee and Chapter Reports**

Linda provided a status update for the Fundraising Committee.

Morganne moved to make committee reports and chapter reports part of the consent agenda, except for the Fundraising Committee. Richard seconded, and the board members unanimously approved.

### **New Business**

There was no new business to discuss.

### **Mark your calendars!**

### **Board Meeting Schedule**

The future board meetings are the following dates:

- Saturday, August 6 – Chattanooga (Friday event reception in Chattanooga, on Aug. 5)
- Saturday, November 12

### **Fall Fair Dates**

- Thurs.-Sun., Sept. 21-24, 2016

### **Best of Tennessee Craft – Reece Museum, East Tennessee State University campus**

- Exhibit, August 22-Dec. 2, 2016
- Reception, Saturday, Aug. 27, 4-6 p.m. – we hope you will make the trip!

### **Adjournment**

Anderson moved and Morganne seconded adjournment with unanimous approval.