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LSAC Minutes for Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Council Members Present: Mary Lee, Patrick Widhalm, Patti Nelson, Gene Meneray, Virginia Berthelot, Dirk Guidry, Conni Castille, Joy Pace, Margie Camardelle, Sheela Plater, Darden Gladney, Henry Price, Kyle Wedberg, Sheela Plater, Ellen Anthony

Absent: Olivia Regard, Christian Vigé, Rep. Michael Kirk Talbot, Adam Holland,

LDOA and OCD Staff Present: Cheryl Castille, Danny Belanger, Scott Finch, April Baham, Erica Anderson, Maida Owens, Kelsea McCrary, Kristin Sanders.

Guests: Katie McGee and Christie Eastman - St. Tammany Office of Cultural Affairs, Nicole S

- I. **Call to Order and Welcome:** The meeting was called to order at 11:00am by Chair Mary Lee. Mary Lee introduced:
 - Katie McGee and Christie Eastman with St. Tammany Office of Cultural Affairs.
 - Nicole Suhre, Executive Director, St. Tammany Hospital Foundation.
 - Joan Coffmann, CEO, St. Tammany Parish Hospital
 - II. **Approval of Minutes:** Darden Gladney motioned to approve. Pat Widhalm 2nd. Motion passed.
 - III. **LSAC Chair Report:** Mary Lee welcomed everyone and indicated that the meeting would be abbreviated to accommodate a tour of the Foundation's Healing Arts Program.
 - Addressing the needs of the underserved – Gene Meneray provided an update on the partnership with California Lawyers for the Arts association.
Additional Comments regarding this initiative:
 - Mary and Gene indicated that an active non-profit will be identified to serve as a primary partner and to administer the project and funds as well as do controls of funds being utilized.
- IV. Assistant Secretary Report:**
- Kristin Sanders indicated that there was a continuation of funding for LDOA via a transfer of funds from the Office of Tourism. The Lt. Governor remains supportive of the Division of the Arts and programs administered.
- V. LDOA Director's Report:**
- Program Director's provided brief updates.
Danny Belanger served on a panel for a NASAA Creative Aging seminar. He also indicated that LDOA has now completed four songwriting pilot workshops for veterans. We are assessing the next step for this program.

Scott Finch discussed Percent for Art projects currently in process, such as SLCC's Automotive

program – Baton Rouge, SOWELA’s Nursing program-Lake Charles and beginning a project with LA Tech in Ruston.

Kelsea McCrary-Cultural Districts, indicated that the new software for the Cultural Districts program will be soon be live. CD Liaisons will be able to enter their program information via this portal. Will provide a more efficient method for collecting data and staying up to dates with the numerous districts. She also indicated she will be attending the Rural Arts Initiative in Minnesota and recommended that council members check out the Revitalize or Die site, a civic organization that assists cities in rebuilding local economies.

Maida Owens – Folklife, indicated that funds are being offered for traditional artists to conduct workshops through the Bayou Culture Collaborative (BCC). Information is available on the BCC section of the CRT website.

Erica Anderson-Grants Programs indicated that she continues to work with South Central Planning and Development on upgrading the grant software. She is receiving feedback from the nine regional arts councils and constituents on needed changes. Plans are moving forward for the changes in the DAF project assistance grant program.

- Gene Meneray discussed his experience at the NASAA assembly as he is now serving as a board member. Kyle asked if we could have an initial plan in place for the January 21st LSAC meeting to discuss advocacy and funding plans.
- Joan Coffman, CEO-St. Tammany Parish Hospital rejoined the meeting and showed the group the completed videos promoting their Healing Arts Initiative. These videos were completed through a partnership with LDOA. Danny Belanger and Kelsea McCrary took the lead on this project.

VI. Public Comment

No comment.

VII. Meeting Adjournment Gene motioned to adjourn the meeting. Sheela 2nd the motion. Motion passed. Nicole Suhre provided LSAC members a tour of the Healing Arts Initiative.

Next LSAC Meeting: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 @ 11am, Location TBD in Baton Rouge.