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LSAC Minutes for Tuesday, January 15, 2019

Council Members Present: Mary Lee, Patrick Widhalm, Patti Nelson, Gene Meneray, Patti Nelson, Kyle Wedberg, Virginia Berthelot, Christian Vigé, Dirk Guidry, Conni Castille, Joy Pace

Absent: Olivia Regard, Kip Holloway, Rep. Michael Kirk Talbot, Adam Holland, Margie Camardelle, Sheela Plater

LDOA and OCD Staff Present: Cheryl Castille, Danny Belanger, Scott Finch, April Baham, Maida Owens, Kristin Sanders

Guests: Ashli Waldrep, Robin Abshire, and Lauren Morris with Arts & Humanities Council of SWLA

I. **Call to Order and Welcome:** The meeting was called to order at 11:00am by Chair Mary Lee.

- Mary Lee introduced:
 - Conni Castille, New LSAC Board Member representing Region 4.
 - Dirk Guidry, New LSAC Board Member representing Region 4.
 - Christian Vigé, New LSAC Board Member representing Region 2.
 - Ashli Waldrep, Executive Director – Arts & Humanities Council of SW LA
 - Robin Abshire, Community Development Coordinator
 - Lauren Morris, Project CoordinatorAshli presented information on the operations of and services provided by the Regional Arts Council.

II. **Approval of Minutes:** This included minutes from 8-21-18 as well as 10-16-18. Kyle motioned to approve. Patti 2nd. Motion passed.

III. **LSAC Chair Report:** Mary Lee welcomed everyone.

- Cheryl and Kristin presented information regarding an appeal by The Strand Theatre-Shreveport regarding not being funded this year through the GOS program. The results of the panel process will not be reversed. All concerns raised and items addressed by panel members were verified. Cheryl will send a follow-up letter to the Executive Director of The Strand Theatre.
- Danny shared one of the videos created from interviews conducted with individuals involved with the St. Tammany Parish Healing Arts Hospital. He will continue to work at editing the remaining. Conni provided good input on the editing process.

IV. **Assistant Secretary Report:**

- Kristin provided an update on the Office of Cultural Development Budget, indicating that it does not appear that there will be much change from last year, which is good at this point.
- A reminder that the next legislative session to begin in April 2019.
- Members discussed the current funding of LDOA via funds transferred from the Office of Tourism. Kristin also indicated that at this time it appears that the funding will continue.

V. **LDOA Director's Report:**

- Full report of LDOA activities had been included with the agenda
- Scott and April provided a presentation updating LSAC members on current Percent for Art projects. Kyle indicated that it is very important that we all try to find additional ways for sharing the stories of these projects and completed works of art.

VI. **Public Comment**

No comment.

VII. **Meeting Adjournment** Joy motioned to adjourn the meeting. Gene 2nd the motion. Motion passed. Ashli and staff provided a tour of the Arts & Humanities Council facility.

Next LSAC Meeting: Tuesday, January 23 @ 11am, Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge.

****This is the meeting that the Council ratifies grant awards, so it is important for us to have quorum.**