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LSAC Minutes for Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Council Members Present: Mary Lee, Patrick Widhalm, Patti Nelson, Gena Gore, Jill Hackney, Rodneya Hart, Gene Meneray, Olivia Regard, , Joy Pace, Kip Holloway, Adam Holland

Absent: Rep. Michael Kirk Talbot, Waynette Ballangee, Margie Camardelle, Sheela Plater

LDOA and CRT Staff Present: Paula White, Maida Owens, Cheryl Castille, Danny Belanger, Kristin Sanders
Guests: Bree Sargent and Vicki Chrisman, Interim Co-Executive Directors of the Acadiana Center for the Arts (ACA); Gwen Richard, Community Development Director with ACA, Maureen Brennan with Cité des Arts, Kate Durio with Mayor Robideaux-Lafayette Consolidated Government along with her Exchange worker from Quebec.

- I. **Call to Order and Welcome** The meeting was called to order at 11:00am by Chair Mary Lee.
 - Mary Lee introduced guests.
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the previous meeting were approved. Adam Holland motioned to approve. Joy Pace second. Motion approved.
- III. **LSAC Chair Report:** Mary Lee welcomed everyone.
 - Mary reported on the South Arts Fellowship Awards held recently in New Orleans, indicating that LDOA serves as a sponsor.
 - Gene Meneray provided a schedule update on the Artist as Entrepreneur Boot Camps. Gena Gore indicated that LSAC members had not been provided an updated lists of dates. Cheryl stated that she would send these. Gene indicated that all dates were scheduled except for Natchitoches. Will send that date as soon as they respond.
 - Mary reminded everyone about completing their annual Ethics Training and Financial Disclosure. Online access information was provided.
- IV. **Assistant Secretary Report: Kristin Sanders**
 - Kristin indicated that she attended Arts Advocacy and Historic Preservation Advocacy Week in Washington DC. She stated that it worked out well this year being able to have a concerted effort from the Arts and Historic Preservation. Matt Henry, ED with Arts Council of Central Louisiana and Stefanni Clemons with the National Performance Network-New Orleans joined in on the meetings with the legislative representatives.
 - No current update on the LDOA budget as it looks as though we will have a Legislative Special Session.
- V. **LDOA Director's Report:**
 - Cheryl presented this year's NEA Award:

Grant Amount: **\$745,500**, which consists of the following components:

\$587,100 for Plan, including \$17,500 for Poetry Out Loud
\$29,400 for Arts Education
\$106,000 for Underserved Communities
\$23,000 for Folk Arts Partnership

- LDOA awarded 22 \$500 Musician Mini-Grants. The process went smooth. The applicants were from various parts of the state representing a variety of musical genres. For FY19 LDOA may look at doing two mini-grants focused on two different artistic genres.
- Paula White provided an update on the new online grant system for DAF and General Operating Support.
- Danny Belanger provided an update on Poetry Out Loud and Accessibility Efforts in identifying Veterans initiatives throughout the state. He has also been working with the Governor's Office on Disability Affairs to provide better access to the arts throughout the state.
- Maida Owens discussed the completion of the current phase of the Baton Rouge Traditions project.

VI. Public Comment

- Gwen presented information on their Artspark grant which is in partnership with the Lafayette Economic Development Authority.

VII. Meeting Adjournment Patrick motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jill 2nd the motion. Motion passed. Group toured the Arts Council space and the downtown arts district.