

**Kentucky Arts Council Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, AT&T Room
Frankfort, KY
March 23, 2018
12 – 2:30 p.m.**

Members present: Mary Michael Corbett, Dior Cotton, Paul Fourshee, Lindsey Jaeger, Nathan Mick, Angela Rice, Andee Rudloff

Members absent: Doug Adams, Jean Dorton, Elizabeth Griffith, Sallie Lanham, Luanne Mattingly, Everett McCorvey, Janice Turpen

Others present: Elizabeth Worley, Alisha Martin, Dave Adkisson

Staff in attendance: Chris Cathers, Dave Blevins, Tamara Coffey, Todd Cremeans, Katie Lewis, Holly Likes, Wendy Linale, Tom Musgrave, Melissa Nesselrode, Jean St. John, Tammie Williams, Marvin Young

Comments by Board Chair: Mary Michael Corbett called meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Corbett thanked the staff for their efforts on the events of the past three months, including Arts Day, the Governor's Awards in the Arts and the Kentucky Crafted Market. Corbett told the board no actions or votes could be taken because a quorum was not present. Corbett welcomed the guest artists and asked Chris Cathers to introduce them to the board.

Elizabeth Worley has been a Kentucky Crafted artist for 27 years. Worley spoke about her inspirations and how she began her business, Handwoven Baskets by that Kentucky Lady. Worley said Kentucky Crafted has been instrumental in assisting her with business marketing. Worley talked about the relationships she has built with customers through participating in the Kentucky Crafted Market. Worley said there would be a void in her life without the Kentucky Crafted Market.

Cathers and Corbett thanked Worley.

Corbett introduced Dave Adkisson, president and CEO of Kentucky Chamber of Commerce. Adkisson welcomed KAC board members and guests. Adkisson talked about the expansion of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce building. The Chamber received a generous grant from the Brown-Forman Corporation to commission work by Kentucky artists to display throughout the building. The Chamber worked with the Kentucky Arts Council to select artists. The Chamber regularly attends the Kentucky Crafted Market.

Corbett thanked Adkisson.

Alisha Martin, Kentucky Crafted artist and corset maker, talked about the invaluable marketing experience and participating in Kentucky Crafted Market. Martin talked about the quality and high caliber of the Kentucky Crafted artists. Martin talked about her unique experience. Martin worked for the arts council in the Folklife Program, and currently works for the Headley-Whitney museum. Martin said these experiences allow her to see the variety of ways the arts council helps support arts and artists throughout the Commonwealth.

Corbett thanked Martin.

Corbett asked the staff to introduce themselves.

Corbett asked Angela Rice to talk about her Easter oratorio "Thy Will Be Done." The National Chorale in New York City, where Everett McCorvey serves as artistic director, presented the oratorio March 16 at

David Geffen Hall, Lincoln Center. Rice said about 1.8 percent of conductors are women, so performing at the National Chorale's 50th anniversary was a huge opportunity and a wonderful experience.

Corbett asked Lindsey Jaeger to talk about her recent exhibit. Jaeger's exhibit, "Reflecting Nature," which consists of 16 paintings, is currently at the Boone County Library. The exhibit will travel to The Nest, in Lexington, on May 18.

Corbett asked Andee Rudloff to talk about her new project. The "I Won't Grow Up" project is arts programming for people with memory loss. The residency program will travel to 12, rural nursing homes. Rudloff shared the program's video.

Corbett thanked the board members.

Executive Director's Operational Update and Staff Reports: Cathers thanked the board and the staff. Cathers showed videos of the behind-the scene preparation, and information and testimonials from artists, for Kentucky Crafted Market.

Cathers talked about the arts council's participation in past and upcoming activities and events.

- Cathers participated in the Creative Entrepreneurs Summit in Berea. The summit's purpose was to sustain creativity in Appalachia.
- The Governor's Awards in the Arts was Feb. 2. The event was live-streamed. Eleven awards were given.
- Arts Day was Feb. 20. Sallie Lanham and Lindsey Jaeger participated as demonstrating artists.
- Kentucky Crafted Market was March 2-4 in Louisville.
- Poetry Out Loud State Finals was March 13 in Frankfort. Kiara Jones won and will represent Kentucky April 23-25 at the national championship in Washington D.C.
- Jean St. John participated in a teaching artists workshop in Barbourville and Hindman, March 16 and 17.
- Mark Brown is facilitating a Creative Placemaking Workshop in Hazard March 23.
- Todd Cremeans is working with the Rural Policy Research Institute, Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation, Owensboro Health and Art of the Rural to host a statewide dialog on Food, Art and Health, in Owensboro, March 27-28.
- Kentucky Visions at the Capitol is on display from Jan. 8 – Apr. 6, 2018.
- The Governor's Derby Celebration is May 5. Kentucky crafted artists will be demonstrating and offering art for purchase. Kentucky schools have been invited to decorate and send in canvas derby blankets.
- The arts council is working with Kentucky Venues to assist with developing a Bluegrass Village at the Kentucky State Fair. The Bluegrass Village would highlight Kentucky beverages, culinary, entertainment and retail items.
- The arts council is using a National Assembly of State Arts Agencies (NASAA) resource, Visualizing Grant Diversity. This tool helps agencies use their grants data to better understand how they are serving populations.
- Cathers reported compliance with Monitoring Report 2.7, effective grants and panel processes, and Monitoring Report 2.8, Interim grants distribution amounts.
- Dave Blevins gave an overview of the Kentucky Crafted Market numbers. Exhibitor booth sales and public attendance increased, as did the overall show revenue.

- Tom Musgrave reported on the communication components the arts council uses, including press releases and social media. Musgrave said the artists were ambassadors for the arts council and he was grateful for their stories.
- Jean St. John reported that 18 schools participated in Poetry Out Loud workshops. Sixteen schools sent champions to compete in the state finals.

Cathers told the board the proposed budget cut of 35 percent would have a critical effect on the arts council. Legislators will finalize the budget in early April.

Corbett had to leave and asked Rudloff to finish the meeting. Rudloff reminded the board to look over upcoming dates. Cathers thanked the board for coming and said if there were questions to contact him. The meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.