

**Kentucky Arts Council Board of Directors**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**University of Kentucky Art Museum**  
**Lexington, KY**  
**June 15, 2018**  
**12 – 2:30 p.m.**

**Members present:** Doug Adams, Jean Dorton, Elizabeth Griffith, Lindsey Jaeger, Luanne Mattingly, Everett McCorvey, Nathan Mick, Angela Rice, Janice Turpen

**Members absent:** Mary Michael Corbett, Dior Cotten, Paul Fourshee, Andee Rudloff, Sallie Lanham

**Others present:** John Begley, Jess Mohler, Stuart Horodner, Kate Sprengnether, TAH Deputy Secretary Regina Stivers

**Staff in attendance:** Chris Cathers, Tamara Coffey, Sandie Lawrence, Holly Likes, Tammie Williams

**Comments by Board Chair:** Everett McCorvey called meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

**Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet Report:** McCorvey thanked TAH Deputy Secretary Regina Stivers for attending the meeting. Stivers thanked the board, Chris Cathers and the arts council staff for their efforts. Stivers said the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet has 13 agencies that focus on various areas. Stivers said a “Request for Information” was recently released for Kentucky Venues. Sponsorships for Kentucky Venues are doing well. Stivers gave an update on the fire at the Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts. Stivers said there was extensive damage; however, everyone was evacuated safely. Stivers said an investigation has already begun. Stivers said the Governor’s School for the Arts would begin on June 17 and run through July 7.

**Approval of minutes from the December 2017 and March 2018 meeting**

Motion to approve: Jean Dorton

Seconded: Luanne Mattingly

**No opposition, Motion Approved**

Cathers introduced Stuart Horodner, director of the University of Kentucky Art Museum. Horodner welcomed everyone and gave an overview of the Museum’s mission. The UK Art Museum will celebrate its 40th anniversary in 2019. It continues to promote the understanding and appreciation of art to enhance the quality of life for people of Kentucky through collecting, exhibiting, preserving and interpreting outstanding works of visual art from all cultures. Home to a collection of more than 4,800 objects, including American and European paintings, drawings, photographs, prints and sculpture, the Art Museum presents both special exhibitions and shows work from its permanent collection.

**Executive Director’s Operational Update and Staff Reports:** Cathers talked about the arts council’s grant season and thanked the board members who served as panel chairs for their service.

- Todd Cremeans, Mark Brown and Cathers participated and worked with the Rural Policy Research Institute, Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation, Owensboro Health and Art of the Rural in a statewide dialogue on Food, Art and Health, in Owensboro, March 27-28.
- Elizabethtown High School senior, Kiara Jones represented Kentucky in the National Poetry Out Loud competition in Washington D.C., April 23-25. Jones made it to the top five, semi-final round. The arts council used live feeds and social media to keep track of Jones’ progress. KAC sent video during the competition to congratulate and encourage Jones.

- The Governor's Derby Celebration took place May 5 on the lawn of the Old State Capitol Building. Kentucky Crafted artists demonstrated and offered art for purchase. Kentucky schools sent in painted canvas derby blankets used to decorate the picnic tables. Kentucky Crafted artist, Lynn Dunbar, created the official 2018 Derby Poster.
- Tom Musgrave, communications director, attended the Kentucky Travel Industry Association (KTIA) Spring Forum, in Bowling Green, May 16-17.
- The Governor's Derby Exhibit was on display in the Kentucky State Capitol Rotunda, May 1 – June 4. It featured the work of 24 artists from across the Commonwealth with their interpretation of the theme "Reflections of the Commonwealth." May 17, the first lady Glenna Bevin, attended a meet and greet with the artists. Four different artists sold pieces from the exhibit.
- Cathers attended the South Arts Board Meeting, April 16-17, in New Orleans. Kentucky artist Garrett Hansen received a South Arts State Fellowship award.
- Kentucky Writers' Day was celebrated April 24, throughout the Commonwealth. Readings by Kentucky Poet Laureate 2017-18 Frederick Smock, and former poets laureate Maureen Morehead (2011-12) and Joe Survant (2003-04), followed by a discussion, were held at Spaulding University. Events also took place at the Paul Sawyer Public Library, Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning, Calloway County Public Library and Robert Penn Warren Birthplace Museum.
- Cathers presented an overview of opportunities the arts council offers to the Kentucky Association of Counties legislative committee meeting on June 14.
- Jean St. John, arts education director, presented and represented the arts council at the Kentucky Arts Education Summit in Lexington, June 12-13. St. John and Dave Blevins, arts marketing director, attended the American for the Arts conference in Denver, June 14-17.
- Cathers said the arts council budget was reduced by 35 percent and four positions were eliminated. Staff were reassigned to other agencies.
- Cathers gave an overview of the Kentucky Crafted Market numbers. Exhibitor booth sales and public attendance increased, as did the overall show revenue.
- Cathers showed a video of the Governor's Derby Exhibit and the Francisco's Farm Art Fair, which included artists from the arts council's Folk and Traditional Arts program.
- Cathers reported compliance with Monitoring Report 1.0, mission statement, Monitoring Report 2.3 financial/planning budgeting, and Monitoring Report 2.6 grants panel composition.

Cathers concluded his report and introduced Tamara Coffey, individual artist director.

- Coffey gave an overview of Writers' Day. Coffey said the arts council tried a different approach to Writers' Day this year. The arts council collaborated with five different communities. Through this collaboration, Writers' Day events were hosted by Paul Sawyer Public Library, Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning, Calloway County Public Library and the Robert Penn Warren Birthplace Museum. Coffey said all events were successful. Coffey hopes to expand the number of communities that host Writers' Day events.

- Coffey said 47 applications were received for Al Smith Fellowships and 16 applications were received for Emerging Artist Awards. This years' literary arts categories were creative non-fiction, fiction, play/screenwriting, and poetry. The panel recommended awarding 16 fellowships and 5 emerging artist awards.
- Coffey said 88 Kentucky Arts partnership applications were reviewed. The panelists total recommended funding for all KAP applicants was \$1,034,065.

Cathers introduced Holly Likes, fiscal officer.

- Likes said she, Cathers and the staff worked well together. The 35 percent budget cut the arts council received changed all of the financials for the upcoming two fiscal years.
- Likes said the arts council is actively searching for new revenue streams.

McCorvey said discussion regarding the Governor's Awards in the Arts and the Constituencies Committees are tabled until the next meeting.

Cathers said the New Advisory Group would be a fundraising, 501(c)(3) entity. Cathers invited interested parties to email him.

McCorvey asked everyone to review and update their abstentions.

#### **Approval of Consent Agenda**

Motion to approve: Janice Turpen

Seconded: Nathan Mick

**No opposition, motion passed**

McCorvey 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 2:16 p.m.