

**Kentucky Arts Council Board Meeting
Energy Center City Council Chambers
306 E. Mt. Vernon St.
Somerset, Kentucky
September 13, 2019**

Attendance

Present: Mary Michael Corbett, Everett McCorvey, Dior Cotten, Jean Dorton, Paul Fourshee, Elizabeth Griffith, Lindsey Jaeger, Sallie Lanham, Luanne Mattingly, Nathan Mick, Angela Rice, Andee Rudloff, Janell Samuels, Janice Turpin

Absent: Doug Adams

Staff: Sandie Lawrence, Chris Cathers

Guests: Christian Harris, Commonwealth Journal, local playwright and actor; Wynona Padgett, Watershed Arts Alliance; Sommer Schock, founder Flashback Theatre; Keith Adkins, Flashback Theatre; Amanda Balltrip, Maria McNeil, McNeil Music Center; Heather Massey, Somerset Choir & Musical Theatre and teacher at Somerset High; Chase Cimala, senior at Somerset High; Holly Cimala, Chase's mother; Michelle Allen, Executive Director Somerset/Pulaski County Tourism; French and Rachael Harmon; Allie McGuire, Appalachian Hewn, local artist; Jan Smith, retired music teacher; Chris Wiles, Citizens National Bank President & CEO; Don Bloomer, Citizens National Bank; Allen Keck, Mayor of Somerset.

Meeting called to order at 1 p.m.

Board Chair Comments: Mary Michael Corbett said the board was grateful for the show of attendance from the community and the welcome that had been extended to the arts council. Such passion and commitment from the community is truly wonderful. She said we challenge other communities to be more like Somerset. She thanked Janice Turpin for showing board members the best that Somerset has to offer. She thanked Cornelia Dozier Cooper for inviting board members to her home and showing them her art collection.

Deputy Secretary's Report: KAC Executive Director Chris Cathers said Cabinet Deputy Secretary Regina Stivers sent her regrets for not being able to attend. In giving her report, Cathers said revenues were up and attendance was down for the Kentucky State Fair. Attendance at the fair was 25,000. A change of attendance policy for minors and higher than normal temperatures contributed to lower attendance. A new video produced for the Department of Travel contains much about the arts in the state as a theme to draw tourists. Celebrating the 1 year anniversary of the Ky. Center conference center renovation. Gov. Awards in the Arts were presented and 9 artists & organizations were recognized this week.

Presentations

Mayor Keck showed a Somerset tourism video.

Madison Harmon & Chase Cimala performed.

Executive Director Report: Cathers is attending the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies annual meeting and professional development institute in Rhode Island. He said the Makings of A Master

Exhibit was currently at the Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center and said the exhibit was currently booked to travel through January 2020. He said the arts council is always seeking venues that want the exhibit. He attended a Meet the Maker Film Series press conference in Mt. Sterling hosted by the Gateway Regional Arts Center. Cathers said staff had worked with presenters of the Kentucky Arts Market at Woodland Christian Church in Lexington that ran concurrently with the annual Woodland Fair. Staff supported musical entertainment for the festival. He said staff had also worked with Waveland Art Fair in our partnership with Kentucky State Parks where KAC again assisted with music and running a folk arts tent. Cathers thanked Nathan Mick for assistance in garnering sponsorships for the Governors Awards in the Arts held earlier in the week. He said we appreciated the support of Kentucky Power and the Country Music Highway 23 groups. Cathers said the artists who made the Governor's Awards, SilverRun Ceramics, sold all of their additional work make for the luncheon. He said they were surprised and happy to sell the work. He said Governor Bevin made a speech at the luncheon and was very positive about the arts council and the arts in Kentucky. Cathers showed photos of all of the Governor's Awards recipients at ceremony.

He said the Kentucky Crafted Program jury would take place next week and Dior Cotten is the chair of the panel. Cathers said he will be in Rhode Island for NASAA next week, and with South Arts, Oct. 23, in Oxford, Miss. He said KAC is developing a partnership with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife to exhibit the work of one of their employees, their own artist in residence for the past 28 years. KAC will work with fish and wildlife to have an exhibit of his artwork in November at Capitol Rotunda. KAC has finished its latest podcasts with the artist-in-residence at the Galt House in Louisville. KAC Communications Director Tom Musgrave is currently working on securing an interview for the podcast with George Wolfe.

Staff Report

Consent Agenda: TranspARTation grants approved. Motion made by Luanne Mattingly, second by Everett McCorvey. All approved.

Board discussion – At the next meeting we want to survey what committees you want to serve one in the future. As part of the November meeting we will talk about advocacy and strategies for approaching the upcoming legislative session. Nomination committee Nathan Mick, Paul Fourshee and Elizabeth Griffith will meet to approve renewal of board members positions following this meeting. Additionally, Cathers has been asked to serve on a NASAA nominating committee. The November meeting will be Nov. 22 at Maker's Mark distillery and will include a viewing of a Stephen Rolfe Powell exhibit.

Meeting adjourned 2:55 p.m.