

**Kentucky Arts Council Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
Cox Building Ballroom
Maysville, KY
September 21, 2018
12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

Members present: Mary Michael Corbett, Nathan Mick, Dior Cotten, Paul Fourshee, Luanne Mattingly, Everett McCorvey, Lindsey Jaeger, Doug Adams, Janice Turpen, Jeanie Dorton

Staff: Sandie Lawrence, Emily Moses, Chris Cathers

Others present: Mayor Cartmell – gave history of the Cox Building. He bought it for 40k, wanted to update it but couldn't. The building was sold to a restaurant operator, who sold it and turned it into a homeless shelter, which damaged the city. The city received a grant from McConnell to renovate the building. The building caught fire. The insurance provider gave 7.2 million to renovate the building. The Cox building was cornerstone of redevelopment; five vacant buildings sold downtown in last month.

Augusta Art Guild members, first grant came from the Kentucky arts council, they no longer receive grants but they are 501(c)(3); Caroline Reece, main street director and Downing Performing Arts Academy director brings university professors into the area so kids don't have to leave for lessons.

Meeting brought to order 12:30 p.m.

TAH REPORT: TAH Deputy Secretary Regina Stivers said the Kentucky Center is in renovation mode but are in operation. She said there is still work that needs to be finished and it will be April 2019 before everything is finalized. Stivers said the Governor's School for the Arts would soon be sharing where their next venue is for the upcoming year. Stephen Rolfe Powell has started a book club at the Kentucky Artisan Center. She said there is a lot of activity going on in the Cabinet. Stivers said KAC Interim Executive Director Chris Cathers is doing a great job and the arts council staff work very hard.

Approval of Minutes from June Board Meeting: Jeanie Dorton made the motion; seconded by Janice Turpen, all in favor

Interim Executive Director Report: Chris Cathers reported his goals for the arts council are to create revenue. He hopes to increase agency revenue in 2019 to \$75,000. He said it is a leap, but an attainable leap considering last year the arts council pulled in \$40,000. He said he plans to do so mainly through efforts related to the Kentucky Crafted Market including increasing ad sales and gate numbers. He said he wants staff to go after sponsorships for the Governor's Awards in the Arts, the Creative Industry Summit, and The Market. He plans to increase agency visibility through advertising, videos and other media. He said the KAC will launch arts programming in military veteran facilities across state. He announced the Kentucky Veteran Project exhibit for veterans and their families will be in the Capitol Rotunda before Veterans Day.

Kentucky Crafted Artist Judy Geagley presented information to the board about her career as an artist. She has been in the Kentucky Crafted program more than 28 years and credits the arts council with much of her success.

Cathers then shared information with the board about an after school arts program the arts council funded two years ago. KET had produced videos about the programs and the videos were shown to the board.

Other business:

Dior Cotten chaired the Kentucky Crafted panel and discussed the experience. Mary Michael Corbett encouraged board members to sign up for panel chairs and said Chris will be assigning panel chairs next year.

The Governor's Awards in the Arts committee met and has made recommendations to be sent to the governor for approval.

The nominating committee recommended board members with expiring terms be reappointed and made the recommendation to nominate Janell Samuels to fill the vacant seat on the board.

The constituents committee did not meet.

Mary Michael Corbett said she wants to put a team together to talk about raising funds for the arts council. She said it would not be in competition with other arts organizations but to try to raise funding to support the work of the KAC and help the state's artists. Potential bylaws for a new group to be formed were passed to the board. Mary Michael asked board members to read the bylaws, let her know if they were interested in serving on this advisory group. Chris Cathers drafted the bylaws. He said he took the best parts of bylaws from three state parks friends groups and two state arts agencies and put them together to create the document.

Consent agenda

Everett McCorvey made a motion to approve, seconded by Nathan Mick.