

**Dec. 7 Board Meeting
Speed Art Museum
Louisville, KY**

Attendance

Board members in attendance: 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 and Janice Turpen

KAC Staff: Chris Cathers, Sandie Lawrence, Emily Moses

Meeting to Order

Mary Michael Corbett called the meeting to order and introduced newly appointed Kentucky Arts Council Board Member Janell Samuels.

Samuels introduced herself and said she is a writer. She works for Kentucky One Health and grew up in Woodford County.

Minutes from the September 2018 meeting were approved. The motion was made by Nathan Mick and seconded by Andee Rudloff; approved by all.

Guest Presentations

The Board heard a presentation by Deborah Denefeld with Dancing Well the Soldier Project in Louisville. She discussed work she has done in the past five years with U.S. veterans who have brain injuries and PTSD. She said support from the arts council is helping her develop teacher training that will allow others to teach the project in other locations across the country.

Stephen Reily, director of the Speed Art Museum, welcomed the board to the facility and gave an overview of the museum's history and its current operations.

Tourism Arts and Heritage Cabinet Report

KAC Interim Executive Director Chris Cathers told the board that Deputy TAH Cabinet Secretary Regina Stivers sent her regards and was unable to attend the meeting, though she provided an update to Cathers. He said the TAH Foundation had received its 501c3 status. The foundation was organized for Cabinet agencies to receive donations earmarked for them. He said Top Chef Kentucky debuted the previous evening on Bravo and will feature 15 episodes filmed in Kentucky. He said Kentucky Department of Travel Commissioner Kristin Branscum recruited the show for the state. Cathers also reported the University of Kentucky would be host for Governor's School for the Arts for the next four years.

Executive Director Report

Chris Cathers gave his report to the board. He said the arts council successfully submitted our FY20 National Endowment for the Arts application by September 28. One of the arts council's traveling exhibits, The Illustrated Word made its final stop in Versailles at the Woodford County Library before ending its run. He said Dave Blevins, arts marketing director, reviewed applications for the KY Veterans Project. There were 54 application and 42 works of art selected for the traveling exhibit. Deputy

Secretary Stivers assisted in the review. The exhibit was installed at the Capitol Rotunda on Nov. 1 and a meet and greet was held on Nov. 26. The Governor and Lt. Governor both attended. Additionally, Cathers said he met with staff of the KY Veteran Affairs office to discuss partnership project and logistics of the KY Veteran's Project traveling exhibit. The exhibit will make stops at all four state veteran centers for display. Other items reported include:

- KAC has begun renting propanels as an additional source of revenue.
- Mark Brown, folk and traditional arts director and Jean St. John, our arts education director attended the National Association of State Arts Agencies annual conference in Baltimore Maryland Oct. 30 thru November 3.
- The fifth annual Creative Industry Summit was held at the Georgetown College Conference Center. Over 100 people attended the daylong summit with workshops and interactive sessions for artists and arts groups.
- The arts council announced fellowships of \$9,000 as part of the Master Artist Fellowships offered through a joint partnership with South Arts and the Margaret Cargill Foundation, which has pledged \$1.8 million for In These Mountains serving Kentucky, Tennessee and North Carolina. Cathers said he will serve on the South Arts Board committee for the project.

There were questions and discussion related to the upcoming Market at the Kentucky Horse Park Alltech Arena. Cathers said the board's assistance is appreciated in helping KAC staff promote the Market.

Board Chair comments

Mary Michael Corbett said there had been some discussion about setting up a 501c3 group that would raise money for the arts council, similar to friends of the arts groups in other states. She said until that could happen, the board might consider utilizing the TAH Foundation to raise funds to benefit the work of the arts council.

Consent agenda

The board approved two Teaching Art Together grants. The purpose of the grants is to support teachers by bringing teaching artists into schools for classroom residencies. Janice Turpen chaired the panel. Luanne Mattingly made a motion to approve the grants, seconded by Andee Rudloff. All were in favor.

Closing Comments

Cathers closed the meeting with a reminder of upcoming arts council events. Arts Day in Kentucky is Feb. 22. The Kentucky Crafted Market is March 15-17. He thanked the board for their understanding of the arts council's budget situation, which currently does not include reimbursement to board members for travel.

Corbett adjourned the meeting at 2:03.