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**LSAC Minutes for Tuesday, January 23, 2018**

Council Members Present: Mary Lee, Patrick Widhalm, Patti Nelson, Gena Gore, Jill Hackney, Rodneya Hart, Waynette Ballangee, Gene Meneray, Olivia Regard, Margie Camardelle, Joy Pace, Sheela Plater Absent., Kip Holloway, Rep. Michael Kirk Talbot

LDOA and CRT Staff Present: Gaye Hamilton, Maida Owens, Cheryl Castille, Kristin Sanders

Guests: Matt Henry, Executive Director of the Arts Council of Central Louisiana; Nydia Freeman, Chair-Arts Council of Central Louisiana

- i. **Call to Order and Welcome** The meeting was called to order at 11:00am by Chair Mary Lee.
- ii. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the previous meeting were approved. Gena Gore motioned to approve. Waynette Ballangee second. Motion approved with Sheela Plater being corrected to absent.
- III. **LSAC Chair Report:** Mary Lee welcomed everyone.
  - Introduced new LSAC member – Joy Pace, Lake Charles region
  - Introduced Matt Henry, Executive Director of the Arts Council of Central Louisiana and Nydia Freeman, Chair-Arts Council of Central Louisiana
  - Patti Nelson provided an update on the previous LSAC meeting and tour in Monroe, the kick-off of *LSAC on the Road*.
  - Patrick Widhalm provided an update of meeting with Jill Kidder-LTPA regarding potential options for arts funding in the state, support and advocacy efforts. Mary suggested that possibly the Lt. Governor could address LSAC after the legislative session regarding the Foundation being formed. Once Louisiana Citizens for Culture organization is solidified, we will reach out to see about a member attending the LSAC meetings.
- IV. **Assistant Secretary Report: Kristin Sanders**
  - We will not be at a deficit due to holding back a higher percentage of our budget than is needed.
  - We are using the money to support professional initiatives.
  - We are planning on the Lt. Governor again redirecting funds from Tourism to LDOA.
  - Gena Gore discussed her contacts within the state Republican party.
- V. **LDOA Director's Report:**
  - Cheryl provided copies of the LDOA FY17-FY20 Strategic Plan;
  - **Cultural Districts:** Gaye Hamilton presented the *Sound Places* initiative. Pat Widhalm indicated he had a contact with ABC news who was a former student and native of Opelousas who may be interested in a story. LDOA staff will reach out. We also announced Gaye's retirement.
  - **Folklife:** Maida provided updated information on the Baton Rouge Traditions project and brought the BR quilt for LSAC members to view.
  - **Grants:** moving forward with development of the new online grant system
  - **Percent for Art:** Cheryl updated projects from Dana including completing installation of Juanjo Novella's *The Hug* on the LSU campus and Simon Donovan's *On the Shoulders of Those Who Came Before us* at UMC-New Orleans.
  - **Gene Meneray** provided information on the *Artist as Entrepreneur* Boot Camps that the ELLA Project will provide throughout the nine regions of the state.
- vi. **Public Comment**
- VII. **Meeting Adjournment** Gena motioned to adjourn the meeting. Patrick 2nd the motion. Motion passed. Group Toured the Arts Council offices and the downtown arts district.