

## Arts Council of Washington County Board Meeting March 16, 2017

### **Board Members Present:**

*Present:* Paula Bell, Rebecca White, Becky Cox, Heather Cox, JJ Abernathy

*Absent:* Steven Stradley, Jon Sato, Kyle Lewis, Morgan Clements, Herb Basso, Dan Adams, Lisa Zumpft

*Visitors:* Bobbi Wan-kier and Daphne Schroth.

### **Proceedings:**

· *Meeting called to order:* at 6:15 by Chair, Paula Bell

· February meeting minutes were sent to members by Cindy Still

### **Chief Executive's Report:**

-Cindy Still submitted her resignation from the board and Rebecca White has agreed to take the position of Secretary. We are grateful for all the help Cindy has provided and she mentioned she would still be there to help out when needed.

-Bobbi Wan-kier and Daphne Schroth were introduced as guests for a discussion about the possibility of merging the Arts Council with Arts to Zion. Daphne asked the board members to introduce themselves and give a brief outline of their backgrounds in the arts. Paula presented the idea of merging the organizations and asked Bobbi to describe the function of Arts to Zion.

- New members are needed for the board. Carmen Stenholm was approached but had to decline, but will help with the conference. Becky Cox mentioned that Morgan Clements said he would like to participate in ACWC opportunities to support student art exhibitions. We will search for additional members and approach others that have served in the past to see if they wish to continue.

-Copies of current bylaws and mission statement were distributed for board to review before next meeting. They need to be revised to match our current organization.

### **New business:**

#### ***Merging with Arts to Zion:***

-A discussion about a merger with Arts to Zion took place. The combined Arts Council would then apply for a 501c status. Arts to Zion is now a L3c which is easier to acquire but not as beneficial as a 501c. Bobbi explained the evolution of Arts to Zion, and the mission statements of each organization were reviewed. The wording of the new organization name was discussed, and Humanities and Culture were suggested in the new title. A suggestion was made by Daphne that perhaps we should wait until we have worked out all the details before re-naming the organization. Becky Cox presented some of the Pros and Cons of merging. Daphne then suggested that we could apply for a grant to hire a facilitator to work out the details of merging the two organizations.

**Motion:** JJ Abernathy made a motion to apply for a grant from the St. George City Council to hire a facilitator for strategic planning of the merger and if a grant is not possible to take funds from the budget. Seconded by: Heather Cox

JJ Abernathy will contact the St. George City Council about a collaborative grant

### **Old Business:**

-Next Creative Age conference will be held October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> during Fall break at Dixie State University as recommended by Jeff Jarvis. We need to make committee assignments soon and grants need to be submitted. Heather Cox and Paula Bell will work on the grant. We also need donations for the Dixie Sunrise Rotary auction On April 29<sup>th</sup>, and people to fill the table. JJ Abernathy said she and Patrick would attend. Becky Cox said she would see about the helicopter ride that was offered last year. JJ Abernathy said she could get Symphony tickets.

-Memory Matters will be holding an art exhibit at Red Cliffs Gallery until March 31. As an arts council, we want to support and promote this exhibit.

-Volunteers are needed for the annual St. George Arts Festival, April 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. Sign up online at St. George City website.

-Next meeting will be April 20 at 6:00pm

-Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:51 pm: Becky Cox, seconded by JJ Abernathy

- Respectfully submitted by Secretary, Rebecca White