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Minutes Board of Directors Meeting: November 18, 2005

The DaVinci Institute

Abstract

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Chair Brodnax also discussed the repeal of the current bylaws and possible adoption of new bylaws. John McCarroll explained that the group has been studying the current bylaws and it was decided it would be easier to adopt new bylaws than to amend the rather complicated and contradictory set under which DaVinci is now operating. Proposed bylaws had been distributed before the meeting and had been discussed at the board retreat in September 2005. It was also explained that rather than put the new directors in the position of having to review and vote on this “old” issue, this vote would be taken prior to electing the new directors. Mr. McCarroll then made the motion to repeal the current bylaws and adopt the new bylaws, as distributed. The motion passed unanimously with all seven current directors voting in favor.

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master class that was conducted October 11 at the Oklahoma City Art Museum by David Kennard, a documentary film producer from San Francisco. She also discussed working on board resource materials for later distribution to the board.

Treasurer Linda Tiller then gave the financial report (attached) which shows a balance of $58,770.63. She discussed current commitments and possible funding from the membership and fundraising efforts. Motion was made by Dr. Ed Huckeby to accept the financial report. This was seconded by Kyle Dahlem and passed unanimously.

Committee reports included the membership and fundraising committee given by Jack Bryant. He reported that DaVinci had ordered a new Dell computer for use in the office. The unit would cost $1,440 and the board had approved the purchase for an amount up to $2,000.

Mr. Bryant also discussed efforts to target potential foundation contributors. He then distributed a proposed membership level chart in which different contribution amounts and benefits were explained. Discussion included revising some of the material, especially concerning major donors or corporate levels. Motion was made by John McCarroll to approve the plan with the revisions discussed. The motion was seconded by Linda Tiller and passed unanimously. In the discussion regarding membership, Chair Brodnax encouraged current directors to be considering potential new directors in the coming months.

Linda Tiller then explained that the finance committee includes her, John Wilguess and Jack Bryant but is in need of one additional board member. The finance committee will be planning next year’s budget and needs input from all members. It was suggested that Dr. Peter Sherwood might serve on the finance committee because of his role in the program and lecture series.

Chair Brodnax then reported on the program committee work done by Peter Sherwood, herself and Billi Kaye Meacham and noted that a dinner might be planned during late January or early February in conjunction with visiting artist Nelson Shanks.

Dr. Dahlem reported on the scholars committee (comprised of Linda Tiller, Jean Hendrickson, Tim Faltyn and Susan McCalmont. The committee will continue to develop a model for the 2006 scholars program and will report back in January. Other committees reporting included the banquet, lecture series, creativity and marketing.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by John McCarroll.

Approved on the 20th day of January 2006.

Mary Brodnax