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Minutes for the Meeting of March 11, 2011

President Von Underwood called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the State Regents Library Conference Room. Present were Kyle Dahlem (DaVinci Executive Secretary), Linda Tiller (OU), Mary Brodnax (UCO), Dex Marble (USAO), Houston Davis (OSRHE), Jill Jones (SWOSU), and, by phone, Dominic Halsmer (ORU), Martha Parrott (NSU), Juanita Krittenbrink (Redlands), and Audrey Schmitz (NOC).

ArtScience Prize Presentation: Von extended a welcome to Nancy Nortz, who reviewed the history, current activities, and future plans of the ArtScience Prize organization. She referenced the website www.artscienceprize.com as a source for detailed information about the prize. April 28 is the date for the final presentations of this year's student groups. The winner will go to Paris for a one-week workshop. The project was initially funded by the Kirkpatrick Foundation, but they are looking for other funding. She explained the application process and said that students were sought who were high school sophomores and juniors with a creative spark who needed an opportunity to bloom. Mentors are key; they are paid for their preparation and work with the students. She described the projects of the two current teams: solving the plastic water bottle problem and an art installation designed to influence people's attitudes about the pollution of a particular water area. Kyle noted the connection between some of our scholars and such a project.

Think Tank Series: Kyle summarized the plans to date in developing a Think Tank series involving previous scholars. This event would draw together the Fellows for a discussion of a project like the ArtScience Prize on the university level. We do have funds to support this plan. Nancy would participate in the discussion and provide information about the ArtScience Prize. Kyle proposed Tuesday, May 10, as the date for the first in the series and said that we could meet at the OETA Vineyard Center from 10:00-2:00. A stipend would be provided to the Fellows. Mary made the motion that we get this project started. Linda seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Once plans are finalized, we will consider having our board meeting during the think tank session.

Treasurer's Report: Linda will email the January and February expense reports to the Board. Our balance is \$56,948.65, with \$26,000 encumbered. The Executive Committee recommends that we set aside \$5,000 for the May Think Tank event. Mary suggested we look into grants.

Minutes: With no corrections on the minutes, Kyle moved that they be accepted. Dex seconded the motion and they were unanimously approved.

Banquet Reservations: Von requested that all Board members check about reservations from their respective schools.

Speakers' Bureau Program: Deck made a motion that we award \$200 for travel expenses to any DaVinci Fellow who travels to make a presentation in our Speakers' Bureau program. Kyle

seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Kyle pointed out that we had set aside \$2500 earlier for Speakers' Bureau expenses. She shared a thank you note from the Bureau speaker who spoke at SWOSU.

Annual Banquet: Kyle made a motion that we approve up to \$500 for the purchase of wine for the annual banquet on March 25. Jill seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. We need some non-alcoholic wine as well.

Kyle reported that so far 6 tables and 13 individual have reserved tickets. She commented on the number of qualified applicants and extended thanks to all who helped with the selection process. The Scholar and Fellow Award winners for this year are as follows:

DaVinci Fellows:

Dr. Allison Garrett	Oklahoma Christian University
Dr. ChihChen Sophia Lee	Southwestern Oklahoma State University
Akram Raghavis-Burris	Oklahoma City Community College
Mitzie Miller	Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College

A+ Schools Honoree:

Glenda Cook	Norman Public Schools
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Received \$1,000 and plaque; Jennifer Berretto is runner-up.

DaVinci/Martin Scholars (appointed by Fellows):

Dr. Riley Dunlap	Kara Carrero OSU
Dr. Linda Wilson	Avery Chambers NSU
Dr. B. Hessler	Emma Johnson OCU
Dr. D. Sabatini	Skyler Mulder OU
Dr. A. Lang	Dominick Cooper ORU

DaVinci/Martin Scholars (individual winners):

Sarah Roger	UCO
Kelsey Bennett	USAO

Crystal Cathey OU

Whitni Hatfield CU

Jerica Briggs OC

Kyle suggested we move the application date to provide more time for the process and commented that we did make headway in getting more schools involved this year.

Website: Progress is ongoing. Von noted that the Forum video provides some speeches we want to get on the website.

Linda made a motion to adjourn and Von adjourned the meeting at 3:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Jones

Secretary