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## Minutes for the Meeting of April 8, 2011

President Von Underwood called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. Present were Gary Davidson, Ramona Paul, Corey Moore, Mary Brodnax, Kyle Dahlem, Dex Marble, and Jill Jones. On the phone were Ed Huckaby, Audrey, and on the video hook-up, Linda Tiller.

Minutes: After one correction to note that the meeting started at 2:00, not 3:00, Kyle moved that the minutes be approved. Mary seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Since Linda had not yet checked in, Kyle summarized the February and March expense reports Linda had sent electronically. She noted that the long string of numbers in Feb. is probably a formatting glitch. \$2,100.00 was allotted for DaVinci Scholars. In the March report, she has listed all the expenses but does not reflect deposits for the banquet—checks and cash will be added later. The \$1,000 was awarded to the A+ teacher. We think we have covered our expenses; the April report will tell. Gary moved we accept the treasurer's report; Ramona seconded and the vote to file the report was passed unanimously.

### Continuing Business:

Plans for May Think Tank: Kyle noted that our primary goal is to provide an opportunity to our Fellows to utilize their expertise. We have reserved the Vineyard Room at OETA for May 10, with the event planned to last between 10:00 and 2:00. Nancy Nortz will make a presentation on the ArtScience Award and allow the Fellows to discuss ideas for (1) bringing together the arts and sciences at the higher education level, (2) providing more opportunities for collaboration, and (3) abolishing silos between disciplines. Dr. Hessler of OCU and Dr. Chen of UCO have agreed to facilitate the discussion. Twenty-three invitations have been extended, and we hope for at least 10 participating Fellows. We will offer a \$200 honorarium and provide lunch. Board members are invited to come. Tuesday, May 10, was chosen because it follows soon after campus graduations and is before Fellows become involved in other activities. A save-the-date notice has been sent out. Next week Fellows will get an invitation to which they will RSVP. We determined that if we had less than five Fellows in attendance, we would not have the event.

We discussed whether to have the May Board meeting at the think tank session. Von suggested that is not a good idea because the board members may want to participate. He thought we should save the board meeting for the 13<sup>th</sup>, our regular scheduled time. After discussion we decided we could have the meeting after the think tank session. Ramona moved and Linda seconded the motion that we move the meeting to the 10<sup>th</sup> from the 13<sup>th</sup>. The motion passed unanimously.

Cycle for Applications for Fellows and Scholars: Kyle presented a new schedule for applications for next year. After discussion, Gary moved we accept the calendar submitted. Jill seconded the motion. Ed suggested we move the announcement date to February 15 to give more time for

winners to plan to come. That suggestion was accepted as an amendment to the motion, and the new schedule was unanimously accepted.

Von extended thanks to Kyle for all the organization and work getting the banquet arranged. She is currently collecting follow-up information and recommendations, so he asked that board members please tell her what they consider to be pros and cons. This year we had 152 attending and 19 tables. We spent \$4,344 for food and put down \$1,000 as a deposit. Ed recommended the Sports Hall of Fame on Lincoln as a possibility for next year; there would be no fee. Dex asked that we extend special thanks to Diane for her work.

Ideas for next year were discussed: Maybe we could have an open exhibit or posters from students (ArtScience) or booths for A+ schools or Creativity. Is there a way to involve the scholars? We need a logo/banner for picture purposes; Linda said that we have a logo on file at Midwest Trophy. Maybe we could have magnetic name tags for DaVinci members. The video material was really nice in the background and is now available to embed on our web site. Von encouraged contributions of new information for the slide show.

New Business:

2011 Fall Forum: Perhaps we should have it in the NE quadrant of the state. Von asked that we contact him if interested in hosting (meetings were at UCO and Broken Arrow previously). We are to think about a theme for the next meeting.

Spring Banquet: Speaker—is there someone coming to OK in that period that we could piggyback on? March 23 will be the date. We cannot apply to Kirkpatrick next year so will need to lean toward the low end of a stipend. The honorarium could possibly come from total expenses for the banquet.

Honorarium: Gary made a motion that we give a \$500 honorarium to Dr. Sternberg for his presentation to the DaVinci Banquet. Ramona seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ideas for the spring banquet included Rich Taylor, a performing artist who could speak and perform, and Justin Eccles, an OKC police officer who tells his story and plays jazz piano.

Retirement of Susan McCalmont: We have her DaVinci medallion. She has been very important to DaVinci. We probably will need to pursue other money streams in the future. Kyle made a motion that the DaVinci Institute commend her for her extraordinary services to the state of Oklahoma and to DaVinci. Mary seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Web site: Kyle has sent changes and updates. Our webmaster currently is out of state and has made some of the changes. Pictures of the banquet and the PowerPoint will be added shortly. We hope to continually improve.

Other:

Quartz Mountain Music Festival: Von informed the group about David Palmer's work on the music festival; programs are offered July 22-30. Four academies have been added. The Jazz Academy is seeking students and he asked that we tell our music programs about it. Students have the opportunity to study with internationally known performers. April 15 is the deadline. Information is available at [www.qmmf.com](http://www.qmmf.com).

Membership letters and an invoice will be sent out to all institutions early in May.

Sara Jane Richter has sent in her resignation, so we will be asking for nominations for the board. We need to nominate officers for next year. Von called for a nominating committee. Gary volunteered. Work can be done via email. We are to let Von or Gary know if interested in an officer's position. We will vote by the June meeting.

Mary made a motion for adjournment and we adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jill Jones*, Secretary