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Minutes

DaVinci Board Meeting

May 10, 2011

President Von Underwood called the meeting to order at 2:16 p.m. Present were Dex Miller, Juanita Krittenbrink, Martha Parrott, Stan Wilson, Linda Tiller, Felix Aquino, Susan McCalment, Kyle Dahlem, and Jill Jones.

Minutes: After corrections to the minutes (adding Aubrey Schmidtz's last name and correcting the spelling of "forum"), Linda made a motion that the minutes be approved; Felix seconded the motion and the minutes were approved with corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Linda reported she had no totals today because she needs to locate an error in the last bank statements. She reported on the April expenses and on the income from the banquet and commented that there will be more from credit card payments. We have over \$30,000 in the bank, with \$15,000 designated for salary. We will need to raise some funds next year to do what we have this year. Martin scholarships are set for the next three years. Steve moved that the treasurer's report be approved. Felix seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

New Business:

Report on today's Think Tank: Kyle summarized the process and purpose of developing the Think Tank. After the A+ Schools and the Creativity conference, we looked for a new project, and after discussion at the annual retreat, the Think Tank plan evolved. At the event today, using the Art/Science Prize as a model, the Fellows brainstormed on how that project could be used at the higher ed level. Thirteen Fellows attended and generated lots of good ideas. They seemed interested in using some type of Art/Science format, with universities soliciting participation. One idea put forth was to select three pilot programs. Perhaps Fellows could help with the high school Art/Science program. Von said that maybe we could provide a DaVinci Prize at the university level for which teams would compete. Projects might vary on campuses. Judges may enable the ideas to move to realization, perhaps some entrepreneurial application. As for today's meeting, Martha testified to the enriching conversation and noted a strong interest on the part of the Fellows in getting to know one another better and interacting. She thinks the group left energized and motivated and that it was a very successful day. Von suggested Quartz Mountain as a possible meeting place, or perhaps a Northeastern group, when we plan future meetings.

Nominating Committee: Chair of the committee, Gary, could not be here but Von reported on the progress of the nominating committee. The proposed slate which will be voted on at the next meeting is as follows:

Felix Aquino President
Dex Marble Vice President
Linda Tiller Treasurer
Juanita Krittenbrink Secretary

Anyone else interested in being nominated should let Von know before the next meeting. The vote has to be taken in June.

Update on Creative Oklahoma: Kyle and Susan reported on the plans to date. The venue will be the Embassy Suites in Norman on Nov. 1, and they are planning for around 1,000 participants. There will be a scaled down day-long event using the large exhibit hall, with lots of break-out sessions. University students are fired up so they will try to have that as a major feature. They hope to bring Fellows into the conversation and to design the program to engage universities. There will be an evening event for student awards. Maybe we could have a think-tank event as a break-out session of the forum (or two?) and utilize Fellows in an efficient way, at least have a feature on DaVinci at the Creativity Forum. The plan is to have an annual Creativity Forum for Oklahoma, with it moving around the state, in conjunction with universities. Tulsa may be a good venue for the next year. "Out of the Box" is the title this year. Von asked that ideas be submitted to him before the next meeting, and we will settle plans in June. Susan also talked about adapting to smaller towns the creative communities idea based on the UNESCO plan.

Spring Banquet: We discussed a possible change in location for next year. The Oklahoma Hall of Fame auditorium was suggested because it does not cost. There the meal (Petroleum Club) and cost would be comparable to what we had this year. Wine would be available at a reasonable price, and parking is good. It is available on Friday, March 23, and requires a \$1,000 deposit that counts toward the meal. Kyle said she could cancel at the History Center. Juanita moved that we move the Spring Banquet to the Hall of Fame on Lincoln. Felix seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Von went over other suggestions for the banquet next year re: the reception before the dinner and displays. Felix suggested Tom Cole as a possible speaker. Steve moved we approach Tom Cole; the motion was seconded by Felix and it passed unanimously. Kyle will send a letter seeing if he is available to speak.

2011-12 Think Tanks: All agreed we already a full agenda, but Von encouraged the group to continue to think of other dimensions, techniques, and applications for the think-tanks. He thinks we could use the Fellows, with administrative support, to form a nucleus within each campus.

2011-12 Objectives: In June we will talk about our objectives for the 2011-12 year. Linda asked that we create a budget in conjunction with the planning so that she can present it at the July meeting. We need to discuss expenses for the Fellows.

Additional sources of income for programs: With Susan leaving Kirkpatrick Center, the priorities may shift and our relationship may be affected. Susan suggested we continue to apply for monies and thought it prudent for Kyle and others to have a face-to-face meeting with the new President and present information about DaVinci, sooner better than later. We may need to do more on Foundation support. Probably we can get through a year at the level we have, but not much beyond that. Steve suggested we emphasize future plans, not just accomplishments. The Creativity Conference will enable us to make contacts, and Susan will work with Steve and Kyle.

Old Business: The Web site is getting much nicer. Kyle invited board members to go to a studio on our campus and record a two-minute testimonial to put on the website. She would like to get such videos on the site soon.

Other business: Kyle will be mailing membership invoices to all schools soon.

Felix moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Von pronounced it adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Jones, Secretary

Other business moved up: Honor Susan McCalmont. Presented one of our DaVinci Institute medals at banquet. Now the engraved medal. Much thanks and praise for role she played over the years. A thank you from er.