

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
ALBUQUERQUE MUSEUM
August 9, 2016

Present: Harold "Hal" Behl, Chair
Pamela Chavez, Secretary
Dr. Jerome Goss, Vice Chairman
Louise Campbell-Tolber
Debra Romero
Judy Suiter
Pamela Weese
Cathy Wright, Executive Director
Elizabeth Becker
Debra Slaney
Andrew Connors

Absent: John Cordova
Jacobco de la Serna

Chairman Behl called the meeting to order at 11:35.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the June 3, 2016, Board of Trustees meeting were reviewed. Jerry moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Pamela seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson's Report - Hal Behl

- Hal introduced Judy Suiter, welcomed her to the board and asked her to tell everyone a bit about herself; all introduced themselves to her
- Officer Elections: New terms begin October 1st
 - Hal reported that all current officers were willing to serve another term
 - Pamela reported that an email was sent announcing nominations with a deadline to nominate a candidate or oneself- there were no nominations
 - Louise moved to accept the current officers for the next term, Judy seconded, and the motion carried unanimously
- Three candidates have filed with the Mayor's office to serve on the BOT.
 - A discussion included whether we can meet with them after their background checks but before the Mayor appoints them
 - **Cathy will talk to Carmen to ask how to convey our concerns**
- Hal reviewed the BOT Committees
 - The Art Advisory and Histor Advisory Committees are required by City Ordinance
 - The AM Executive Director is on all the committees
 - The BOT appoints the members of the committees
 - Cathy distributed a list of current committees and memberships
 - Jerry would like to see more board members involved on committees
 - Andrew mentioned that long term BOT continuity on committees is helpful
 - Committee Service:
 - **Anyone who is interested in serving can call Hal to volunteer**
 - **Judy would serve on either**
 - **Pamela Weese would like to serve on the Art Advisory committee**
 - Casa San Ysidro:
Alan will be invited to serve to represent the Foundation

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- Hal would like to have more BOT members involved in other aspects of the Museum including AM Staff Meetings, 1 of the Committees or the Foundation Board committees
 - The BOT Chair is a voting member of the Foundation Board or can send a proxy.
 - Debra said that Foundation bylaws determine committee eligibility – interested BOT members can contact the Foundation Board chair before the beginning of the fiscal year (May) to be considered
 - Jerry stated that all BOT members should be Foundation members
 - **Jerry moved that Hal and Cathy develop a list of possible things to attend and the board can review what to attend. Louise seconded, 6 votes in favor, Pamela Weese voted against, motion carried**
- **Hal will call BOT members whose terms have expired to officially resign, talking with Jacobo about stepping off**

Curator Reports

Andrew

- Andrew proposed that the BOT “De-acquisition” the Judy Chicago work back to the “Through the Flower” Foundation due to the agreement wherein we return the work to them if we no longer want it. The work has sensitive material which makes it challenging to exhibit. Andrew stated that the Museum is okay with this course of action. Pamela Weese moved that we “de-acquire” the work, Judy seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- In June, the Museum purchased a major TC Cannon work for \$12,000. The amount exceeds the approved expenditure ceiling but a quick decision was necessary. Louise moved to approve the acquisition, Judy seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- A discussion ensued about raising the ceiling for approved funds for acquisitions. **Andrew will bring to the next board meeting what dollar level other commensurate museums have.** Louise mentioned that we could use an email vote in the future
- Andrew distributed the final version of “The Carved Line” exhibit book the AM is publishing with the Museum of New Mexico press. The exhibit opens in January.

Debra

- Debra distributed the “History Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes August 3, 2016” and referenced a few key points:
 - Notable acquisitions include: Peter Eller donated a Gruen watch belonging to Carrie Tingley and Jerry Goss donated a valuable map.
 - Mary Davis submitted her resignation as Chairperson of the HAC after many years of service for which she was thanked. Ann Carson was approved as the new chairperson.
 - As Kathleen Lebeck is no longer on the BOT, there is an open spot on the HAC – Judy Suiter is interested.

Elizabeth

- Referred to the events posted on the agenda:
 - The 2nd Saturday event on 8/13 will include Deb Slaney’s book “Wonders of the Weavers”. The event is drop in from 1-4, with Deb featured at 1:30.

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Curator's Report, Elizabeth continued

- The Chatter Concerts in conjunction with the Rte 66 exhibit will include original compositions from some of the Chatter members
- The Final Rt 66 project will be on 9/15, 5-8:30 (3rd Thursday) featuring the "Beat Generation" and bringing in Albuquerque Poet Laureates
- Elizabeth mentioned that they are already getting ready for the school year with lots of interest already in the tours.

Foundation Report

- The Magic Bus is \$140 to sponsor 1 tour and is ahead of last year's fundraising
- The Master Works program will enable donors to sponsor a work of art at the Mabel Dodge Lujan exhibit
- The Audit is almost done, showing the Foundation in a strong position, in the black, as the expenses have been managed well
- Miniatures will have a new format this year:
 - Friday Night Premier and Artist Reception at \$150 with a "Buy it Now" feature, 1 per person
 - Artists will have a "Replacement Art Policy" where they submit 4 pieces so 3 can be at Miniatures in case one sells on Friday's Premier
 - The Saturday Gala will be \$85 per person
 - Tickets are \$200 for both Friday and Saturday nights
 - Online ticketing is available
 - AMF will use social media to promote the Gala night and try to attract a younger crowd
- The 3rd Thursday on 8/18 features Chatter Concert; there will also be a Patron's event on the 18th
- There will be a Patrick Nagatani dinner on Aug 26 – he is donating 2 works of art to auction
- Much to the chagrin of the BOT, Debra announced that she is retiring after 7 years as the AMF Executive Director. There is no end date set as she will help with the transition after a new ED is hired. The Search Committee is being chaired by Maria Griego Raby with members Alan Weitzel, Beverly Bendicksen, Debbie Good, Ann Conway, Garret Smith and Jim Lowry. LaDonna Hopkins has been hired to assist with the process. The BOT wished Debra well and thanked her for her many years of service.

Museum Director's Report – Cathy Wright

- Attendance is up 6% this year with numbers at approximately 130,000, attributed to the hard work of the staff and the Killer Heels exhibit
- Cathy handed out the Cultural Report and AAM report for perusal

The meeting adjourned at 1:00

NEXT MEETING October 11, 2016, 11:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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