

Cultural Executives Committee Meeting
Minutes
Wednesday, April 16, 2008
New River Inn,
231 SW 2nd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale

Present: Richard J. Simon (Chair), Janet Erlick (Vice Chair), Andie, Arthur, Hal Axler, Mary A. Becht, Dick Borges, Marie Darmanian, Pam Dearden, Deborah Hartner, Helen LaForge, Jody Horne-Leshinsky, Niki Meyers, Vena Paylo, Joyce Reynolds, Joy Satterlee, Carrie Reppert Turner, Holly Strawbridge

Absent: Patrick Flynn, Lisa Maxwell, Steven Shulman, Trina Soumare

Meeting Start Time: 12:10 PM

Agenda I: Welcome –Call to Order

Richard Simon (RS) called the meeting to order.

Agenda II: Self Introductions

RS asked the committee attendees to please introduce themselves and mention a good thing and a bad thing they have experienced with their current Board of Directors.

Agenda III: Director's Report

Mary Becht (MB) spoke about the state budget review, she cited the statistics on the Arts Day 2008 State Budget Update form that was handed out to all committee attendees. MB then talked about the Artists Lofts grand opening on April 30th. MB concluded with the school district match grant program and the positive lean towards not cutting the arts until last in regards to education. Jody Horne-Leshinsky (JL) spoke about the Cultural Quarterly going online www.culturalquarterly.org and the corresponding postcard that was handed out to all attendees. JL also mentioned new publications that the Cultural Division produced which are the Economic Impact and the Artist as Entrepreneur. RS passed around a sign up sheet for attendees to fill out which budget hearings they would attend.

Agenda IV: Guest Speaker: Carrie Reppert Turner, Director Nonprofit Resource Center, Community Foundation of Broward

Carrie Reppert Turner (CT) described the Community Foundation of Broward in detail and explained how their program works and what resources they have to offer. CT then opened the floor to inquiries.

Agenda V: Discussion on what works and what doesn't for everyone

The committee attendees discussed their experience with their boards and things they were looking for such as younger board members and more fund raising by their board members. CT answered all questions relating to her program.

Agenda VI: Next Meeting: May 21, 2008 at The Old Davie School

IX: Meeting adjourned: 1:10 PM

Meeting Minutes taken by: Vena Paylo

Transcribed by: Vena Paylo