

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
Draft Minutes of the Education Committee Meeting
Tuesday, June 13, 2023, 10:45am
Claiborne Robertson Room

There were present:

Betty Crutcher, Co-Chair
Joan Brock
Ken Dye
Anne Edwards
Martha Glasser
Suzy Szasz Palmer
Michel Zajur
Lynette Allston, Trustee President, ex-officio

Absent:

Gilbert Bland
Jil Harris
Rupa Tak
Ashlin Wilbanks

By Invitation:

Jeffrey Allison
Kay Baker
Candy Banks
Nan Boyd, VMFA Council President
Caprice Bragg
Stephanie Cooperstein
Celeste Fetta
Courtney Freeman
Cherry Gardner
Carolyn Garner
Marcia Gilliam
Ann Goettman
Melinda Hardy
Andrew Harris
Jan Hatchette
Marianne Littel
Cindy Marquez, Office of the Attorney General
Colleen Milewski
Anne Smith
Michael Taylor

I. CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Dr. Betty Crutcher called the meeting to order at 10:49am.

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion: Proposed by Dr. Crutcher and seconded by Ms. Suzy Szasz Palmer to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2022 Trustee Education Committee meeting as distributed. Motion carried.

III. EDUCATION UPDATES

Celeste Fetta, Joan P. Brock Director of Education and Assistant Deputy Director for Art and Education, reported that guitar students from Albert Hill Middle School and Franklin Military Academy performed in the Storied Strings Recording Studio as part of the museum's Member Mornings in January 2023. She shared that VMFA's 2023 *Teen Stylin: Illusion* program included 37 schools, 56 designers and concluded with a runway fashion show at the museum which featured 15 winners modeling their designs. The show had nearly 500 individuals in attendance and another 468 online. Ms. Fetta noted that the museum's special exhibitions, *Whitfield Lovell: Passages* and *Benjamin Wigfall & Communications Village*, will be open to the public from June 18 – September 10, 2023 and that VMFA's African and African American Art: Art + Community Family Day is scheduled for June 17, 2023. She concluded with an announcement that Mr. Frank Saunders, VMFA Studio School Assistant and Photo Educator, will be retiring after 18 years with the museum.

IV. STATEWIDE UPDATES

Mr. Jeffrey Allison, VMFA Manager of Statewide Programs and Exhibitions and Paul Mellon Collection Educator, presented an overview of the 19 Virginia artists who are the 2023-2024 VMFA Visual Arts Fellowship recipients, noting that this year's fellows were also awarded complimentary one-year museum memberships. He reported on recent and upcoming VMFA on the Road residencies and its upcoming installation, *Love, Laughter, Tears: How Artists View Emotions*. Mr. Allison concluded his report with an update on plans for the new *VMFA on the Road* trailer, which is anticipated to premier at the Virginia Beach Boardwalk Art Show in October of this year.

V. OTHER BUSINESS /ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded and approved by the committee at 11:42am.

Recorded by: Kay Baker
Administrative Assistant, VMFA Office of the Director