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Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
Minutes of the Art and Education Committee Meeting
Theater Level Conference Room #1
30 September 2014, 10:30am

There were present:

Susan S. Goode, Chair
Karen C. Abramson
Mary Anne Carlson
Cynthia Kerr Fralin
Margaret N. Gottwald
Keith R. Kisse
Dr. Claude G. Perkins
Charles H. Seilheimer, Jr.
Mary Gray Shockey
Dr. Shantaram Talegaonkar
William A. Royall, Ex-officio

By Invitation:

Alexander Nyerges, Director
Austin Anderson
Tyler Bishop
Courtney Burkhardt
Dr. Lee Anne Chesterfield
Celeste Fetta Neff
Dr. Mitchell Merling
Rebecca L. Morrison
Pamela Reynolds
Jayne Shaw
Lulan Yu

Absent:

John R. Curtis, Jr.
Richard B. Gilliam
Frederica P. Gray
Terrell Luck Harrigan
Dr. Elizabeth F. Harris
Ivan P. Jecklin
Cameron O'Brion
Dr. Lindley T. Smith
Jane H. Spilman

I. CALL TO ORDER

Susan Goode called the meeting to order at 10:34 am and welcomed the group.

II. MINUTES

Motion: proposed by Charles H. Seilheimer, Jr., and seconded by Cynthia Kerr Fralin that the minutes of the last meeting of the Art and Education Committee held on the 17th of June be approved as distributed. Motion carried.

III. EXHIBITIONS

a. Process:

Dr. Lee Anne Chesterfield, Interim Deputy Director of Art & Education, reviewed the changing processes for strategic and exhibitions planning.

b. Revised portfolio:

Dr. Chesterfield explained portfolio changes regarding the following exhibitions – *Making America, Rodin, Japanese Tattoo, Kehinde Wiley, Johns/Much* and *DaVinci*.

Motion: proposed by Cynthia Kerr Fralin, and seconded by Charles H. Seilheimer, Jr. that the changes to the exhibition be passed for review by the full Board of Trustees. Motion carried.

c. Reorganization of exhibitions department:

Dr. Chesterfield introduced new Trustees and announced recent staff departures. She explained the changing structure of the exhibitions staff team.

IV. EDUCATION – CHILD & SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Celeste Fetta Neff, Chief Educator, provided details on new initiatives to expand early childhood education programs at the museum and clarified its place in the strategic plan.

V. BEYOND THE WALLS

Ms. Fetta Neff introduced Lulan Yu, Adult Programs Coordinator, to explain both the new Beyond The Walls learning space and interactive website intended to enhance the Forbidden City exhibition. The ribbon-cutting ceremony took place on September 7, 2014 and will still be accessible to the public once Forbidden City closes. Following the meeting, she led a tour of Beyond The Walls for those committee members who wished to attend.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS/ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Susan Goode adjourned the meeting at 12:04 pm.

Recorded by: Rebecca L. Morrison
Assistant for Trustee Board Relations and Museum Planning