

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
Minutes of the Trustee Education Committee Meeting
Wednesday, December 1, 2021, 3:15pm
Conference Room 1

There were present:

Jil Harris, Chair
Betty Crutcher, Vice Chair
Lynette Allston
Joan Brock *via videoconference; personal (scheduling)*
Ken Dye
Anne Edwards
Martha Glasser *via videoconference; personal (scheduling)*
Suzy Szasz Palmer
Ashlin Wilbanks

Absent:

Gil Bland
Carol Ann Bischoff
Satya Rangarajan
Rupa Tak
Michel Zajur

By Invitation:

Alex Nyerges, Director and Chief Executive Officer
Jeffrey Allison
Kay Baker
Candy Banks
Caprice Bragg
Lee Ceperich
Stephanie Cooperstein
Celeste Fetta
Carolyn Garner, Foundation Liaison
Jan Hatchette
Cindy Norwood, Office of the Attorney General
Mimi Ryland, Council President
Michael Taylor

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jil Harris called the meeting to order at 3:13pm.

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion: Proposed by Ms. Lynette Allston and seconded by Ms. Anne Edwards to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2021 Trustee Education Committee meeting as distributed. Motion carried.

III. EDUCATION UPDATES

Director of Education Celeste Fetta presented an overview of VMFA's Latin American Family Day: Puerto Rico which was held virtually and onsite in September 2021. Numerous groups including the Latin Ballet of Virginia, Kadencia Orchestra, and Salsa Guy RVA entertained more than 2,400 in person attendees and 1,000 virtual viewers. Ms. Fetta indicated that an updated design is being developed for the interactive gallery which will explore the ways various cultures have used public art to share their history and identities. She closed her report by sharing that the Institute for Museum and Library Services awarded VMFA its American Rescue Grant which will create ten paid education internships in 2022.

IV. VMFA ON THE ROAD/STATEWIDE UPDATES

Mr. Jeffrey Allison, Manager of Statewide Programs and Exhibitions and the Paul Mellon Collection Educator, shared an update on recent statewide programs, including a Chinese calligraphy workshop at Morven Farm, the Virginia Children's Book Festival in Farmville (that engaged more than 50,000 students), and the Pocahontas Reframed Film Festival which was hosted by VMFA. He also provided an overview of the exhibition, *Revealing and Obscuring Identity: Portraits from the Permanent Collection*, which will debut in *VMFA on the Road* in late March 2022.

V. OTHER BUSINESS /ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Harris adjourned the meeting at 3:54pm.

Recorded by: Stephanie Cooperstein
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