

June 24, 2015 Board Meeting

Chairman Barry Schrenk called the meeting to order at 1:05pm. Welcomed by done by Barry and Elizabeth Wylie, Executive Director of Andalusia Farm.

Attendance

Gina Jeffords, David Morrow, Marleen DeBode-Olive, Valencia Stovall, John White, Gladys Wyant, Allen Bell, Tina Lilly, Emily Murray, Karen Paty, Marva Swanson

Update

- Introduction of our new board member Representative Valencia Stovall, District 74 - Clayton County.
- Budget FY2016-Signed by Governor, \$300,000 for a new grant program was added to the budget.

Program Updates

- **Governor's Arts Learning Task Force** - A draft of the Task Force report has been completed and 16 recommendations were made. Report is being finalized and in the design phase.
- **Poetry Out Loud** - There are 9,265 students, 73 Schools and 35 Counties that participation in this NEA sponsored program in GA. GA was represented in the National finals by Paris Stroud, Paulding County High School. She won 2nd place in the National finals.
- **Poet Laureate Prize** - 2015 was the second year of this program. 225 students participated. The poems are judged by Judson Mitcham, our State Poet Laureate. The 2015 winner was McPherson Newell-Lakeside High School, Evans GA. The winner and finalist were all published in Atlanta Magazine.
- **Grants Program Overview** -A brief overview was given of the FY2016 guidelines and grant review process. The Board was given the opportunity to ask questions prior to voting to accept the FY2016 grant awards. A motion was made by John White and seconded by Marlene DeBode-Olive to accept the FY2016 Grant Awards as presented.
- **FY14 Impact Map** - Council members were given a copy of the GCA FY14 Impact Map (available on the home page of the GCA website).
- **Creative Economy Brochure** - Council members were given a copy of GCA's Creative Economy Brochure that was produced for GDEcD (also available on the home page of the GCA website).
- **Arts & Economic Development Case Studies/ Ga Municipal Association** - Council members were given a copy of GCA's Arts & Economic Development case studies that

were produced in collaboration with the Georgia Municipal Association and will be released this upcoming weekend at the GMA convention. The case studies will be posted on the GCA and GMA websites early next week & the press release distributed Monday. GCA staff covered their upcoming sessions and participation in the GMA convention.

- **Governor's Award** – Brief overview and dates were given.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by John White and seconded by Gladys Wyant the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.