Virginia Museum of Fine Arts

Minutes of the of the Education Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

 Theatre Level Conference Room 1

There were present:

Jil Womack Harris, Vice Chair

Dr. Betty Crutcher

Kenneth M. Dye

Carolyn Garner

Dr. Monroe E. Harris Jr.

By Invitation:

Alex Nyerges, Director

Karen Abramson

Fran Bradford

Jody Green

Tom Gutenberger

Jan Hatchette

Laura Keller

Cynthia Norwood

Tom Papa

Dr. Michael R. Taylor

Kimberly Wilson

Absent:

Terrell Harrigan, Chair

Lynette Allston

Maura Bisceglia

Anne Noland Edwards

Rupa Tak

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Jil Harris called the meeting to order and welcomed the committee. She introduced Fran Bradford, Deputy Director for Education, and Cindy Norwood, Senior Assistant Attorney General.

**Motion:** proposed by Ms. Harris and seconded by Ms. Abramson to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, June 13, 2018 Education Committee meeting as distributed. Motion approved.

1. VMFA ON THE ROAD LAUNCH

Mr. Allison provided an update on the VMFA on the Road launch. He reported that the museum has hired Sukenya Best and Sean Kane as educators to work on the Artmobile, with an additional driver position posted. He said that the official launch will take place on October 29th and 30th in Fredericksburg, VA, with the governor cutting the ribbon.

He presented content to be used on the truck, including videos of interviews with artists. The group discussed the travel schedule, and Mr. Allison explained that the truck will visit every legislative district in the state.

1. FAMILY AUDIO TOUR

Chief Educator Celeste Fetta presented the museum’s new audio tour feature, which will launch in October. The tour will be accessible via the website, including on mobile devices. The first tour developed touches on the collection’s greatest hits and is geared toward families. The Museum Leaders in Training program will work on developing a tour for teenagers, and new content can be easily added to the page.

1. OTHER BUSINESS/ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Fetta also reported that the teaching gallery is being renovated, including new flooring and increased functionality. There was a discussion of ideas for future meetings, including the idea to have an external educator speak with the committee, and the discussion of the Summer Institute for Educators.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:42pm.

Recorded by: Laura Keller

 Assistant to the Secretary of the Foundation