

CALOP Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, May 26, 2011  
University City City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
6:00 PM

Members Present: Eric Friedman, James Reeves, Rick Simoncelli, Gladys Creer, Robert Wilcox, Dennis Riggs, and Council L. Michael Glickert.

Members Absent: Mae Etta Weston, Mary Williams

Also Present: Genise Lay, Sue Greenberg

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Friedman at 6:05 pm. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Wilcox and seconded by Mr. Reeves. The motion was approved.

Sue Greenberg, VLAA

Ms. Greenberg provided a copy of the St. Louis Volunteer Lawyers and Accountants Association (VLAA) annual report to the commission. Ms. Greenberg informed the commission that VLAA helps artists with legal and accounting issues. Ms. Greenberg noted several of the organization's achievements such as conducting a workshop for CALOP applicants, hosting contract and copyright seminars for artists, and posting educational materials on the organization's web page. After hearing from Ms. Greenberg, a motion to continue funding of \$1,000 and CALOP's commitment to VLAA was made by Mr. Wilcox and seconded by Ms. Creer. The motion carried.

Discussion was held on ways to educate CALOP grantees about fair use and copyright laws. A motion was made by Mr. Wilcox and seconded by Ms. Creer to give VLAA's fair use/copyright publications to grantees as a part of the CALOP grant contract and highly recommend grantees to attend VLAA workshops, or if they cannot attend then meet with a lawyer recommended by VLAA to review fair use. The motion was seconded by Ms. Creer. The motion was approved.

Approval of Minutes

The commission reviewed the March 24, 2011 minutes. Mr. Friedman noted a correction to page 3, paragraph 1, lines 2-3 to read "Mr. Riggs will keep the commission abreast of the details as they are worked out and see if there is interest in the community and get other knowledgeable groups or individuals involved in the project." After noting the correction, a motion to approve the minutes as revised was made by Mr. Simoncelli and seconded by Mr. Reeves. The motion was approved.

Chairman's Report

Mr. Friedman reported that he attended a three-hour preview/screening of Johnnie Be Good, and that the raw material in the film was excellent. Mr. Friedman reported that he offered feedback and a referral to filmmaker Art Holliday.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Simoncelli presented the April 30, 2011 financial report to the commission. Mr. Simoncelli reported that Charter Communications and AT&T recently sent payment, and the city accounting fees were expensed. A motion to approve the financial report was made by Mr. Wilcox and seconded by Mr. Reeves. The motion was approved.

Grant Liaisons

St. Louis Brick – Mr. Simoncelli reported that filmmaker Bill Streeter will hold a special showing for the cash and crew in early June. Mr. Streeter offered to come to the June commission meeting for a final presentation.

Comic Geeks – Mr. Simoncelli informed the commission that Brian Spath, filmmaker for Comic Geeks, would like to form an LLC for the film. The commission discussed the implications. The commission determined that the current contract with Mr. Spath would have to be assigned to the LLC. A motion to approve the assignment of the contract to the LLC with an agreement that the

original signatory is still liable for the contract was made by Mr. Simoncelli and seconded by Mr. Wilcox. The motion was approved. Mr. Friedman will work with Ms. Lay to draft the language of the contract amendment.

There's No Place Like It – Mr. Simoncelli reported that filmmaker Lee Ann Nelson has asked for an extension and would like to make a 60-minute film instead of the proposed 30-minute film. A motion to extend the deadline to September 1, 2011 was made by Mr. Simoncelli and seconded by Mr. Wilcox. The motion was approved. Mr. Friedman will send a letter to Ms. Nelson.

Victims Voices – Mr. Reeves reported that five victims had been filmed so far. Filmmaker Edie Barnard plans to get children involved through victim services and production classes and has also sought advice from Kathy Tofall, St. Louis City Victim Services Attorney.

Sustainable St. Louis – Ms. Creer reported the filmmaker was not able to make the extension deadline due to family matters. The filmmaker has 85% of the film completed and is requesting an additional two months. A motion to grant a two-month extension was made by Mr. Wilcox and seconded by Ms. Creer. The motion was approved.

A Show of Strength – Mr. Wilcox reported that filmmaker Franklin Oros has requested the second installment of the grant. The filmmaker has taped Community Collaborative events and conducted interviews at Third Degree Glass Factory, Brown School of Social Work and St. Louis Community College Social Work Department. The filmmaker also taped interaction with SIEU students who interned with Community Collaborative. Mr. Wilcox approved payment.

Penrose Velodrome – Mr. Wilcox reported that filmmaker Brent Jaimes only made one of three race nights at the velodrome and will be contacting individuals for interviews.

Wehrenberg Theatre First 100 Years – Mr. Riggs set up a meeting with Wehrenberg owners. Mr. Rubbelke may be able to work with the owners in obtaining footage or historical information for the film. Mr. Friedman and Ms. Lay will send a follow-up letter to Mr. Byington, the original filmmaker, asking for resolution or recovery of funds.

#### Recycling Project

Mr. Friedman worked on a draft proposal and sought collaboration from other organizations. Mr. Friedman suggested an advisory committee to implement the project with a budget of \$50,000. The committee would be comprised three voting CALOP members and other organizations. A motion was made by Mr. Simoncelli and seconded by Mr. Reeves to approve the recycling project/ RFP for \$50,000, establish a committee to implement the program and expend the funds as outlined in the RFP, and establish a minimum of three CALOP members to serve on the recycling commission.

Mr. Friedman described the role of the recycling commission:

- review and approve responses to RFP
- conduct pre-conference sessions
- select final proposal
- coordinate with HEC-TV
- meet quarterly for updates

Mr. Friedman also noted that the meetings would be open to the public and all CALOP members may attend. After the discussion, the motion was approved.

#### Archives

Mr. Friedman and Mr. Reeves will meet with Washington University.

#### Five-Year Plan

The draft five-year plan will be sent to commission and added to the next meeting's agenda for finalizing.

Unanticipated

None.

Mr. Simoncelli moved to adjourn at 7:35 pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Reeves and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mae Etta Weston  
Secretary

Prepared by Genise Lay