

**MINUTES OF THE
ANNUAL MEETING
DIRECTORS
OF
TOBACCO ROAD INCORPORATED A 501 C 3 ORGANIZATION**

Pursuant to notice our annual meeting of the Directors of the above corporation was held on October 7, 2016 at 6:30 PM at the corporation's place of business or via Conference Call option.

The purpose of the meeting: The purpose of this meeting was for the Executive Director to provide an update to the Board of Directors as to the status of the HWCC which she is responsible for the day to day operations of the theater and to discuss upcoming travel for the enhancement of the HWCC. Plans for programming and fundraising.

QUORUM. The Board of Directors of Tobacco Road Incorporated met on the above date at the Harold Washington Cultural Center, located at 4701 S. King Drive. Or via Conference call Meeting called to order by our Interim President Janie Bennett at 6:38 p.m. Meeting was opened with a Prayer.

Roll Call of Officers and Members: Mrs. Janie Bennett, Ms. H. Lorraine Jeter, Mrs. Brenda Ramsey, Mrs. Dorothy Bordeaux, Mr. Terry Bell (Henry Gray Proxy).

I.

II. GUESTS. The following guests were present at the

meeting: Jimalita Tillman EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The following corporate actions were taken by appropriate motions duly made, seconded, and adopted by the majority vote of the Directors entitled to vote (unless a higher voting approval is stated).

III. REVISE/APPROVE PREVIOUS MINUTES. The minutes of the _May 19 2015 meeting were approved. Moved by Mrs. H. Lorraine Jeter and seconded by Mrs. Brenda Ramsey the reading of the May 19, 2015 minutes be approved. Motion carried

IV. REPORTS.

- Report by jimalita Tillman.

There was a close out with the fall orientation as well as implementation of fall programming and fundraising. The Ebony Scrooge production will be loading in and are currently in rehearsal. This production is written, produced and directed by Jimalita Tillman. There will be a new years eve celebration as a fundraiser for winter programming and there needs to be suggestions for awardees for upcoming spring gala. The students, parents, and volunteers will host in tandem with Wades World Foundation a Turkey give Away. Suggestions for arts partners for 2017-2018 has been submitted. Report on teen summit and the success of the program. There was a resume builder workshop for working artist. An itemization of programs and outings that are coming up over winter break will be

emailed to members. The Executive Director further reported about the status of the grant executed in December of 2014. This grant was paid out in installments and the first payment was May of 2015. She has been working with her grants manager to get clarity on what is necessary to report and maintain compliance. There was an extension of the audit for 2015 fiscal that should be complete by the top of the year. The grant will need to be extended due to budget freezes and according to the State Senator and Grant Manager the Governor is the only one who can release the funds for Tobacco Road Inc. Background of the grant was this grant came through Senator Mattie Hunter's office in the amount of \$1,500,000. Percentage was disbursed and an agreement was reached with City Colleges of Chicago to dismiss the case pending the payout of the remaining amount of funds due. As stated before, there will be a report on the status before year end. The Executive Director expressed that the term of the grant that states there must be amendments to the bylaws to state the expansion of the board to include in particular members from the financial, business, and community of Bronzeville. These documents have been approved as they were mandatory per the grant agreement. There has also been a posting of advisory boards people can sign up for to assist with brand development, marketing, fundraising, and corporate partnerships. All supporting information will be made available to the all board members.

Acceptance of the reading of the Executive Director report. Moved by Mrs. Janie Bennett, seconded by Mrs. H. Lorraine Jeter

V.

- New Business:
 - Special Rental Rate for Churches: Monday through Thursday - \$1,000; Friday through Sunday \$2,000/\$2,500 for not for profit organizations. This does not include Security and Sound.

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned. Meeting Adjourned: Moved by Mrs. Brenda Ramsey, seconded by Mrs. H. Lorraine Jeter
Meeting closed with prayer.

These Minutes are certified by TOBACCO ROAD INCORPORATED A 501 C 3 ORGANIZATION's Secretary.

This Corporate Minutes is executed and agreed to by:
Brenda Simmons Ramsey

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