



Dear Board of Directors,

On behalf of our fearless Chairwoman, Jannet Walker Ford: A heartfelt thank you for taking time last week to attend an information packed and fun board retreat. Your time and insights are appreciated. We are so grateful to JU, especially Dr. Cost and Diana Donovan, for being such wonderful hosts. We are off to a very productive start as the new CCGJ Board!

Here are a few follow up items and updates:

Please see attached the updated Cultural Council Committee roster based on sign-ups and expressions of interest at the retreat. Board members can continue to sign up for committee service; just let us know!

Attached is the presentation by Deirdre Conner, Senior Director of Strategic Initiatives and Evaluation, Nonprofit Center of Northeast Florida. Also, we will forward the facilitator's summary from the retreat once it's completed.

Also, please find attached the presentation by Joy Young about the Cultural Council and what it means to be a local arts agency.

The initial press release (and photos) about the new board members was sent to the T-U's Career Track on Wednesday. CCGJ staff will send the other one about the board officers next week, so as to stagger the publicity.

Basic information/how to RSVP for your required City Ethics Training is attached. This is especially important for new board members. There is one more workshop scheduled for 2020 -- on Thursday, Dec. 5. Additional workshops are scheduled for 2020. The schedule is attached. Also, the City's Ethic's Office will do a specialized training for the Cultural Council Board of Directors in 2020.

The Finance Committee is scheduled to meet 12/3 and 12/13 at the CCGJ offices from 3-5pm. All are welcomed to attend.

State of the Arts: Creative Jacksonville (one of our LEAP events) is scheduled for 12/10 at the UNF University Center from 9am-4:30pm. [Click here](#) for more information. Please join us.

Our next regularly scheduled board meeting is 12/17, 2:00-4:00pm, at the ART See & Shop location on 4870 Big Island Drive, 32246 (next door to Kirkland's).

Finally, a big congratulations to the staff in our CCGJ Public Art Program - Glenn, Ronique, and Ashley - for their work on the Yeates Building Fountain. [Click here](#) for images and a great article. This is another terrific example of CCGJ leading and partnering in the arts.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Wishing you a beautiful Thanksgiving,

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