

## MARION ART COUNCIL MINUTES

August 10, 2016, 5:30 P.M.

Low Park Art and Environment Center

ROLL CALL: Fuf Renfer, Pat Schmidt, Angie Pierce Jennings, Dennis Frevert, Charlene Briggs,

ABSENT: Brenda Kowalsky, Elizabeth Wilson

STAFF: Mary Ann Bries

GUESTS:

### Art in the Alley

Fuf reminded the council to watch the time-lapse video showing the construction work at the project site that is available on the City's You-Tube page. Phil and Ben High are doing an in-kind contribution for the City's alley project by using their photography skills for a video of the progress of the project.

### Sculpture Committee

Pat updated the council that Brenda has sent letters to 5 finalists for the next step and each artist is to send in his/her proposal. The committee is looking at picking out 2 pieces for the art trail. The next sculpture trail committee meeting is August 25 at 5:30 at the Arts and Environment Center.

### MAC Brochure

Charlene asked for the council's input on the brochure. Charlene noted several suggested revisions to the brochure. Mary Ann will send pictures the Recreation Department has taken at classes sponsored by MAC. The Council would like to have the brochure printed by the Picnic on the Prairie Concert.

### Exhibits

The July/August exhibit is Tamera and Brian Jensen. The art exchange for the next artist will be Saturday, August 27. Fuf and her husband will start at 8 a.m. and would like a few more helpers at 9. The September/October exhibit will be Dianna Dunn and Jan Bell. The artist's reception will be September 15. Mary Ann will ask the Friends of the Park to meet in a different room if their meetings are the same night as the receptions. The November/December/January exhibit will be Mary Weaver and Linda Black-Smith. Iowa Art Quilters will be exhibiting in July and August of 2017.

### Coffeehouse Night

Terry McCauley will perform at the October 7 Coffeehouse Night. Angie asked the council for suggestions for the other scheduled Coffeehouse Nights. The dates for 2016 - 2017 season are set as October 7, November 4, December 2, February 3, March 3 and April 7.

### Hotel/Motel Tax Grant

Susan Werner has been contacted regarding the Picnic on the Prairie Spring Concert on Saturday, June 17, 2017, and has the date penciled in on her calendar. Angie will contact Susan's agent regarding a possible rain date on the following Sunday, June 18, 2017.

### Picnic on the Prairie

Picnic on the Prairie will be Saturday, August 20 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Carol Montag and Carlis Furot will perform. Angie will meet Doug at 4 for the sound set-up. The other council members will arrive at 6 that evening. Mary Ann will check with Friends of the Park regarding helping park vehicles. She will also ask Mike Carolan about parking in the drive and marking on the grass for extra parking. She will also remind Aaron VanMilligan to bring extra garbage cans for the event.

### Budget

The small canopy and portable table has been delivered. The cost for the small canopy was \$138.69 and the folding table was \$47.99. These items have been added to the budget balance worksheet.

### Old Business

Janice White is a retired art teacher that is interested in becoming an associate member. Fuf will ask Janice if she would like to attend the Picnic on the Prairie.

Angie attended the Iowa Arts Council Summit and thought it was very informative.

Mary Ann contacted the Linn County Secondary Road Department regarding a sign on County Home Road for the Lowe Park Arts and Environment Center. She is waiting for the quote for the cost for the sign and installation cost.

### New Business

Fuf updated the council on a group that has approached her to make a short film regarding an art gallery at the Art and Environment Center. They are looking at October 3 through 5 during the evening hours. They would like to use the Oaks as the art gallery in their movie. They are going to send the film scrip for the council to review before MAC agrees to sponsor the film.

The Council discussed the expansion of the Lowe Park with the purchase a portion of the Lowe farm land. The addition of the building structures at the farm would be a great example of Iowa farms.

### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 13, at 5:30 p.m. at the Lowe Park Art and Environment Center.