

MARION ART COUNCIL MINUTES

October 10, 2017, 5:30 P.M.
Lowe Park Art and Environment Center

ROLL CALL: Fuf Renfer, Angie Pierce Jennings, Brenda Kowalsky, Pat Schmidt, Jane Strnad Nelson,
Charlene Briggs

ABSENT: Dennis Frevert

STAFF: Mary Ann Bries

GUESTS:

Minutes

Brenda motioned to approve the September 12 minutes, Jane seconded, all in favor.

Sculpture Committee

The dedication and reception for the new pieces will be November 18 from 1 to 3 p.m. The event will begin at 1 p.m. with a ribbon cutting at 1:30 followed by short introductions and comments from dignitaries. Both artist, Reinaldo Correa and J. Aaron Alderman, will do a presentation on their art piece. The reception will be held in the Oaks with Art Council supplying the refreshments. Brenda shared a poster Bob Naujoks created. Brenda will have Amber Bisinger, Communications Coordinator, approve the poster before they are printed. Brenda will coordinate the dedications date with the artists, create a postcard and artist bio flyer, and be in charge of the display table. Jay Moore and Pat Schmidt will be in charge of the AV set-up in the Oaks. Katie Lowe Lancaster will write up the news release for the event. Brenda has contacted Jill Ackermann, Marion Chamber, and Amber Bisinger, City Communications Director, regarding the ribbon cutting ceremony and steps on promoting the event.

Reinaldo Correa will be touching up the paint on the "Prairie Revival" sculpture on Thursday, October 12 at 9.30. Fuf is available to meet with Reinaldo regarding the sculpture paint. Brenda informed the council that Mike Carolan has concerns with the paint condition on the entire sculpture. Mike was wondering if Reinaldo planned on repainting the entire piece or just the weld spots.

Exhibits

The Creative Artists of Iowa are exhibiting in September/October along with Lori Kidd, a jewelry artist. The reception was Thursday, September 14 and was well attended. John Thomas L. Richard, a pottery and 3D artist, and Doug Knutson, a retired graphic design artist, will exhibit in November/December/January. Fuf will talk to the artists regarding switching the reception from November 3 to November 16. This exhibit will go until Saturday, February 3. The February/March exhibit will be with Mt. Mercy University and Kirkwood Community College. Sue Biedeen, a painter, and Kyle Sydney Powell, a photographer, will exhibit in March/April.

Vernon Middle School is the October student exhibit. The reception will be Thursday, October 12 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Fuf said she will be able to handle this reception herself.

Coffeehouse Night

Jonny Lipford performed at the October 6 Coffeehouse Night. There were 50 people in attendance. Mary Ann informed the council she deposited \$47 from the sale of refreshments at the Coffeehouse Night. The 2017-18 Coffeehouse Nights will be November 10, December 1, February 2, March 2, and April 6. Tom's Guitar, Tom Nothnagle, will perform on November 10. The December 1 performer will be Anji Kat. The Stock Brothers will perform at the February 2 Coffeehouse Night.

Angie mentioned needing new or different bulbs for the stage lights used at Coffeehouse Nights. The current bulbs keep burning out. The council will have Dennis check on the bulbs for the stage lights.

Fuf mentioned storing the card tables that are used in the Oaks closet to save on having to carry them during Coffeehouse Night set-up. She mentioned using a locked cable to contain the tables so renters would not be able to use them. Mary Ann will check to see if this would be feasible.

Budget

The Parks Dept delivered the new freezer. The council could not justify the cost of a Bunn Coffee System since only would be using 6 times a year. The council agreed the system with 3 Mister Coffee coffee pots they have for Coffeehouse Night works. They would like to purchase an additional Mister Coffee coffee pot and an additional carafe to replace the broken one. Fuf and Jane will measure the art work hangers.

Old Business

Fuf had talked to Suanne Huffman from the Friends of the Parks. Suanne mentioned the Friends doing Sculpture Trail tours. Brenda will collect the information regarding the sculptures to be given to the Friends.

The council decided to hang the double bulletin board that Mike Brandt donated where the bulletin board is now. Mary Ann will send a work order request to the Park Dept. Mary Ann will order a calendar the size of the bulletin board.

Charlene has decided not to renew being on the council. Her term expires January 1, 2018. The council thanked her for her service.

New Business

Angie has contacted the Root Agency regarding performers for the Spring Picnic on the Prairie. The Root Agency is who they booked the last Spring Picnic on the Prairie performer through. Angie said the sound for both Picnic on the Prairies will be through Doug Johnson.

Brenda mentioned Katie Lowe Lancaster is on a committee for the Irish Drive entrance project. Brenda was wondering if someone from Art Council should also be on this committee. Mary Ann will check and let the council know.

Pat wondered if other City Departments are planning to have sculptures at their buildings. Mary Ann will also check on this and let the council know what she finds out.

Adjournment

**Next meeting - Tuesday, November 14, at 5:30 p.m.
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Sculpture Trail Committee Update:

The following information should help answer questions on the Sculpture Trail Art Dedication Ceremony:

Saturday, November 18, 2017 from 1-3pm is the scheduled date for the ribbon cutting and dedication out at Lowe Park in the Oaks Room. The event will begin at 1:00 with a ribbon cutting at 1:30 followed by a few short (15 min. total) introductions/comments from dignitaries and then a presentation from Reinaldo & Aaron aprox. 10-15 minutes each. We will have access to a laptop, screen and sound system. Please let me know if you have any special needs that we can accommodate? A display table will be set-up to highlight the stages of creation and installation. If you have any photos, descriptions, documents or items you want us to include please forward them to me at brendak@hukprinting.com or mail to: Lowe Park - ATTN: Brenda Kowalsky - Arts Council - 4500 N 10th Street, Marion, Iowa 52302

There will be light refreshments served afterwards.

I am in the process of having a poster created for advertising purposes which will need to be approved by Amber before printing. We will also have a few postcards printing similar to our Art Exhibits at Lowe. This file will be forwarded as an attachment to be used for print or social media. We are hoping to have this finalized before the end of the week.

I'm not sure who's responsibility it is to contact the newspapers, radio and such to advertise. I believe Amber is the hub for the City and Jill or Tami for the Chamber. I am including these three and also Karlene Hummel, Mike Carolan, Mary Ann Bries, the Arts Council, and the Sculpture Trail Committee on this correspondence so we are all on the same page. If you could respond to all on this email as to what responsibilities you will be taking on I believe we can save on duplication of duties.

DUTIES SO FAR:

Bob Naujoks - Create Poster & make KCKK radio announcement

Brenda Kowalsky - Coordinate with artists, Create Postcard, Artist bio-flyer and display table

Jay Moore & Pat Schmidt - AV set up in the Oaks Room

Katie Lowe - Write up News Release

Karlene Hummel - post in City Newsletter

Arts Council - Refreshments (approval pending tomorrow's meeting)

Marion Chamber - Ribbon Cutting & Invite Dignitaries (Will discuss with Mike, Amber & Jill or Tami as to who should be invited)

City of Marion & Chamber - Newspaper publications (Times, Gazette, etc.)?

*This will also serve as my committee report to the Arts Council for the month of October 2017.

Respectfully submitted by

Brenda Kowalsky

Sculpture Trail Committee Chair