

MARION ART COUNCIL MINUTES

December 12, 2017, 5:30 P.M.
Low Park Art and Environment Center

ROLL CALL: Fuf Renfer, Brenda Kowalsky, Dennis Frevert, Pat Schmidt

ABSENT: Charlene Briggs, Angie Pierce Jennings, Jane Strnad Nelson

STAFF: Mary Ann Bries

GUESTS: Jay Moore

Minutes

Dennis motioned to approve the November 14 minutes, Brenda seconded, all in favor.

New Member

Dennis moved to approve Jay Moore as a new member to the council, Pat seconded the motion. The council voted all in favor to recommend Jay Moore become a member of the Art Council. Mary Ann will pass their recommendation to Mike Carolan.

Sculpture Committee

Brenda would like to send both artists a copy of the articles that were in the Marion Times and the Gazette. Mary Ann will check on getting copies for Brenda.

Exhibits

John Thomas L. Richard, a pottery and 3D artist, and Doug Knutson, a retired graphic design artist, are exhibiting in November/December/January. This exhibit will go until Saturday, February 3. The February exhibit will be Mt. Mercy University and Kirkwood Community College. Brenda will make a flyer with the colleges information on it without any exhibit photos. Dennis suggested asking a student of one of the colleges to create the flyer. Fuf will let the council know when the reception date will be. Sue Biedeem, a painter, and Kyle Sydney Powell, a photographer, will exhibit March 3 to May 5. Their reception will be March 15.

Bowman Woods is the student exhibit. The reception was held Thursday, December 7 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. with 50 people attending. Novak Elementary will be exhibiting in January.

Coffeehouse Night

The dates for the remaining 2017-18 Coffeehouse Nights are February 2, March 2, and April 6. The December 1 performer was Anji Kat with 60 people in attendance. The February 2 performer will be Roots of Rhythm. This group consists of Lynne Hart, Pat Smith and Richard Wagor. Angie is working on the performers for the remaining Coffeehouse Nights. Mary Ann will remind the building supervisors to unlock both handicap doors at the performances.

Pat noticed one of the stage lights is missing the glass plate. Fuf offered to find the information for the glass plate and a filter pack and place the order from Smith Victor, the stage light manufacturer.

Picnic on the Prairie Spring Concert

The Bernemann Full Band will be performing at the August Picnic on the Prairie. Angie is working on the performer for the June concert.

Mary Ann shared with the council the information she received from the Police Department regarding their new rate for officers for security at events. The rate is the same at \$43 per hour with the addition of a 2% administrative fee. There is a minimum charge of 3 hours. They also have a special holiday rate.

Budget

The council will discuss the 2018-2019 Budget at the January meeting.

Dennis suggested purchasing new battery operated candles for Coffeehouse Night table decorations. Mary Ann will check which account this would come out of.

Old Business

Fuf will order burgundy round table clothes and 10 hanger rods in January.

Mary Ann shared with the council the page Tony Ireland created regarding Marion Arts Council for the 2018 Parks and Recreation brochure. Brenda suggested including guests bring picnic baskets to the Picnic on the Prairie information. Brenda also noticed the information on the Sculpture Trail says 4 pieces which is not correct. Mary Ann will pass these suggestions on to Tony.

Red Cedar Concert is performing on Thursday, January 25 at the Arts and Environment Center.

New Business

The council noticed some lights in the hallway are not working. Mary Ann will send in a work order for the lights. Fuf asked Mary Ann to create a work order form the council could use on the weekends.

Jay mentioned security for the artwork in the hallway. He suggested a mirror would allow the building supervisors to see the artwork when at the front desk. Mary Ann said the City is looking into a security camera to be located at the front of the building. The camera coverage will include the hallway. They are going to place a monitor at the desk for staff to be able to view the building.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

**Next meeting - Tuesday, January 9, at 5:30 p.m.
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