

MARION ART COUNCIL MINUTES

February 13, 2018 5:30 P.M.
Lowe Park Art and Environment Center

ROLL CALL: Fuf Renfer, Dennis Frevert, Jay Moore, Angie Pierce Jennings, Jane Strnad Nelson

ABSENT: Brenda Kowalsky, Pat Schmidt

STAFF: Mary Ann Bries

GUESTS:

Minutes

Jane motioned to approve the January 9 minutes, Jay seconded, all in favor.

Sculpture Committee

Brenda emailed the council stating no updates for the sculpture trail. She plans on talking with Mike Carolan mid-March regarding a time frame on light installation for the 10th Street entrance sculpture.

Exhibits

The current exhibit is Mt. Mercy University. The reception is Thursday, February 15. Fuf and Jane said they can attend the reception. Sue Biedeen, a painter, and Kyle Sydney Powell, a photographer, will exhibit March 3 to May 5. Their reception will be March 15. Fuf is checking with the Vinton Artist Guild on exhibiting in May and June.

Marion High School is the student exhibit. The reception will be Thursday, February 15 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Gordon Kellenberger would like to exhibit for a month in either June or July. Fuf thought this might be possible by displaying his artwork in the hallway.

Coffeehouse Night

The February 2 Coffeehouse Night performer was Roots of Rhythm with 50 people attending. Mary Ann reported they sold \$52 in refreshments. The March 2 performers will be Carol Montag and Carlis Faurot. The council decided to set the room up differently for this performance due to the large crowd that usually attends. The room will consist of 6 round tables by the refreshments and chairs set up in the front area by the performers. Angie and her husband Shiloh, Fuf and Jay all said they will be able to attend the March 2 performance. The April 6 Coffeehouse Night performer will be David Zollo. Mary Ann entered the information for the Coffeehouse Night performers on Hoopla.

Dennis found the missing glass plate for the stage light in the cupboard in the Art Room. Mary Ann will check with Mike from Hall's Photo regarding diffuser filters for the stage light.

Picnic on the Prairie Concert

Angie is working with Pieta Brown's manager on a contract for the June 16 Spring Picnic on the Prairie. The performance will be with Pieta Brown plus a 3 person band. The total contract amount is \$2,650. The council discussed having port-a-pots and security at this event. Angie shared with the council the amount of money spent on the 2017-2018 Coffeehouse Nights. The council had \$3,000 budgeted for Coffeehouse Night performers and will spend \$1,860. Angie was informed she could apply \$1,140 to the Picnic on the Prairie performer. Angie asked if Mary Ann and Karlene could send an Excel worksheet with the amount of money the council has with the Hotel / Motel Grant Fund and the amount in their City budget for the Picnic on the Prairie concerts. Mary Ann said she will work on this with Karlene and send to the council monthly with the agenda, minutes and budget report.

Red Cedar Concert

Red Cedar Concert's performance on Thursday, January 25 had 50 people in attendance.

Budget

The 2018-2019 budget will not be finalized until March 8 or after. The council discussed the 2017-2018 Budget.

Old Business

The council discussed how the Art Council events are listed on the City's website. The events are placed on the City's calendar which is a tab at the top of the page. They can also be found by typing "Art Council" or "Coffeehouse Night" in the white search box located at the top right side of the website. The search will result in several links listed to click on.

New Business

Dennis took one of the lights in the hallway down that was not working correctly and was affecting the other lights.

Fuf attended the State of the City luncheon. She thought the mayor's speech was very positive about all the projects and events happening in Marion.

Cody Crawford with Area Substance Abuse Council (ASAC) contacted the council regarding displaying the "Faces of ACE's & Resiliency Art Show". "Faces of ACE's & Resiliency" gives youth an opportunity to share their feelings or experiences such as homelessness, substance use, violence, divorce, separation, or neglect in the home or community. The pieces depict overcoming these stressors and learning to survive and thrive using art. Examples of art that will be shown are paintings, drawings, jewelry, poetry, sculptures, quilting, photography, pottery, dance, skit, song, etc. Fuf suggested this display exhibit in the student's display area for the first half of summer and Goodwill displaying the second half. The council agreed this would be a good display to exhibit.

Fuf received information from Karlene regarding an Iowa BIG project of 8 foot butterfly wings to be placed in Marion Square Park or Lowe Park. Mary Ann informed the council Karlene met with 4 students regarding this project. The council decided to wait for Karlene's direction on the project.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

**Next meeting - Tuesday, March 13, at 5:30 p.m.
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