

MARION ART COUNCIL MINUTES

June 12, 2018 5:30 P.M.

Low Park Art and Environment Center

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

ABSENT:

STAFF: Mary Ann Bries

GUESTS:

Minutes

Brenda motioned to approve the May 8 minutes, Jay seconded, all in favor.

Sculpture Committee

The Ascension sculpture is becoming less visible again with the grass becoming taller. Pat suggested having an angular path mowed on the east side of the sculpture so visible when coming into the park. Patrons could use the grass pathway to walk towards the sculpture. Mary Ann said she would let the Parks staff know their suggestion.

Brenda let the council know the Parks Dept installed 3 lights around the "Prairie Revival" sculpture at the entrance of the park. Brenda will check with the artist if he would like to view the placement of the lights before the Parks staff buries the lines. Mary Ann shared photos she took of the sculpture at night with the lights shining on it. It was suggested the Art Council members view the sculpture at night and let Brenda know their thoughts on the placement of the lights.

Governor's Arts Award

Fuf submitted the application for the Governor's Arts Award and has not heard anything regarding it.

Exhibits

The Vinton Artist Guild is exhibiting May 5 to June 30. Their reception was May 10 with 50 people in attendance. Gordon Kellenberger will be exhibiting in the hallway gallery from June 1 to July 7. His reception will be June 14 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Fuf and Jane will be able to help at this reception. Jane noticed at the May meeting the reception was stated as 6 to 7 p.m. The correct time of the reception is 6:30 to 8 p.m. Upcoming exhibits will be by Helen Hunter (July 7 to August 25) and Silji Lynne (August 25 to October 27).

The summer school wall gallery will be the Faces of ACES and Resiliency Art Show in June and part of July. The reception was June 11 with 12 people in attendance. Wilkins Elementary has artwork from several students on display to help fill the student wall. Goodwill will exhibit the rest of July and August. Fuf will contact them regarding their day-time reception and will be able to work it.

Fuf talked with a local artist who was wanting to display one piece of art. The council did not think the art gallery had an area to display only one piece of art at this time.

Picnic on the Prairie Concert

The June 16 Picnic on the Prairie performer is Pieta Brown. Angie will arrive at 3:30 to meet the sound people. The sound check will take place at 5:30. Angie will give a brief introduction and acknowledge Hotel / Motel Fund for sponsoring the event. Jay will take care of setting the garbage cans out. Jay and Pat will place additional handi-cap signs out and help Police with parking. Mary Ann will let the Parks Dept know they would like a barricade to place by the culvert. Mary Ann will check with Tony Ireland regarding additional handicap signs and cones to help with directing traffic.

The August 18 Picnic on the Prairie performer will be Bernemann Brothers. Fuf will discuss with Gordon Kellenberger on holding a Plein Aire workshop during the day of the August Picnic on the Prairie concert.

Budget

Mary Ann reminded everyone it is the end of the current Fiscal Budget. Everything will need to be processed by June 14.

Old Business

Mary Ann shared with the council the Marion Art Council By-Laws and the updated ones. The council had some suggested changes. Mary Ann will update the By-Laws with the changes and send to everyone to view.

The Art Council discussed election of officers. Jane motioned, Jay seconded for Fuf and Angie to be co-chairpersons and Brenda to be secretary; all in favor.

The council inquired about having shirts with Marion Arts Council added to make themselves more visible at events. Mary Ann will check with Amber Bisinger, Communications Manager, when the on-line clothing store will be open. The City does like employees and council members to purchase the clothing items thru the on-line store for quality and consistency with City apparel.

New Business

Dennis Frevert submitted his resignation to the council effective April 30. Fuf asked the council members to think of a possible replacement for him. It was suggested this person attend a couple of meetings and be explained the responsibilities before becoming a member.

Red Cedar Chamber would like to have a concert at Lowe Park on Thursday, March 28. It was suggested for the Red Cedar Chamber to set the chairs for their event and also reset the room afterwards.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

**Next meeting - Tuesday, July 10, at 5:30 p.m.
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