

MARION ART COUNCIL MINUTES

May 8, 2018 5:30 P.M.

Low Park Art and Environment Center

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

ABSENT: Angie Pierce Jennings

STAFF: Mary Ann Bries

GUESTS:

Minutes

Jay motioned to approve the April 10 minutes, Jane seconded, all in favor.

Sculpture Committee

Brenda had no new updates on the lights for the sculpture at the park entrance.

The council likes the location of the Ascension sculpture since it is visible after the Parks Department did the control burn. The council decided to leave the sculpture at its current location if the Parks Department would continue to mow around so it can be seen or have it moved to another location in Lowe Park.

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 will be by May 10 at 6:30. Gordon Kellenberger will be exhibiting in the hallway gallery from June 1 to July 7. His reception will be June 14 from 6 to 7 p.m. Upcoming exhibits will be by Helen Hunter (June 30 to August 25) and Silji Lynne (August 25 to October 27).

Echo Hill Elementary is the student exhibit. The reception was Monday, May 7 with 80 people attending. Fuf suggested moving the reception table closer to the door to make the area less crowded.

The summer school wall gallery will be the Faces of ACES and Resiliency Art Show in June and part of July. 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.

Picnic on the Prairie Concert

The June 16 Picnic on the Prairie performer is Pieta Brown. Some of the posters have been distributed and the council members will finish distributing the rest. The council discussed the publicity plan for the event. Mary Ann said she can place the information on the Hoopla website. Pat said he will place the information on the other publicity websites. Mary Ann will contact Port-O-Jonny regarding port-a-pots for this event and the Marion Police Department regarding security and helping with parking.

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

Fuf discussed with the council using the money budgeted for the traveling art display panels for either purchasing or repairing the current black pedestals and purchasing 2 new pedestals with glass on the top. Fuf will discuss this with Karlene Hummel and let the council know what was decided. Mary Ann reminded everyone Finance Department will want all invoices paid for the current fiscal year by mid-June.

Mary Ann shared with the council the 2018-19 Budget Report.

Old Business

Mary Ann shared with the council the Marion Art Council By-Laws and the updated ones. Mary Ann will check with Darcie Coberly, the Administrative Assitant at Thomas Park, regarding the wording for the co-chairpersons. Mary Ann will report back to the council at the June meeting with a clean copy of the amended By-Laws.

Jane and Angie volunteered at the Art Council's table at the City Showcase that was held on May 5. Jane said they had a nice attendance to the event. She mentioned no Art Council brochures were available to hand out to people with questions regarding the council. Fuf suggested donating the extra supplies they purchased to the recreation department to use at their programs and the council agreed.

Fuf and Angie submitted the Hotel / Motel Tax Grant application. Fuf will finish of the report for the money they received in 2017-18.

New Business

The council decided to table the election of officers until the June meeting.

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.

Jay inquired about purchasing Marion Art Council shirts to wear at the different events Marion Art Council sponsor. Mary Ann will check with Amber Bisinger when the on-line store will be open to purchase shirts.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

**Next meeting - Tuesday, June 12, at 5:30 p.m.
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