

## MARION ART COUNCIL MINUTES

July 10, 2018 5:30 P.M.  
Lowe Park Art and Environment Center

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

ABSENT: Mary Ann Bries

STAFF: Mary Ann Bries - Excused

GUESTS:

### Minutes

Jay Moore motioned to approve the June 12 minutes, Pat Schmidt seconded, all in favor.

### Sculpture Committee

Brenda said the electrical lines for the entrance sculpture have been buried. The artist, Reinaldo, was notified but she is unaware if he has viewed the light placement. The path leading to the yellow sculpture needs to be mowed so the piece can be seen upon entering the park if possible. If there are two paths then it will work as an entrance and exit when viewing the piece on foot. It is too easy to walk by without noticing it if people start on the sidewalk at the Prairie Revival sculpture.

### Governor's Arts Award

Fuf has not heard anything from the submission process.

### Exhibits

The current exhibit is Helen Hunter. The reception is Thursday, July 12 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Fuf, Jane and Brenda said they can attend the reception. Upcoming exhibit will be Silji Lynne – August 25 to October 27; Dr. Kettelkamp and Larry Zirbel – March and April 2019; Mt. Mercy University and Kirkwood Community College – February 2019; Iowa Art Quilters - July and August 2019. Fuf is in the process of looking for an artist for the November 2018 through January 2019 exhibit.

Goodwill will exhibit the rest of July and August. Their reception date has not been set.

### Picnic on the Prairie Concert

The June 16, 2018 Picnic on the Prairie had approximately 220 patrons. They believe there were about 85-88 cars with no parking issues. Pieta said her father Greg Brown would be interested in performing at this type of venue. Angie will look into the possibility for 2019. The council decided to change the concert hours to start at 7:30 p.m. and end at 9:00 pm. This will allow for the temperature to cool off and extra time for people traveling from out of town.

The August 18 Picnic on the Prairie performer will be the Bernemann Band. Angie will be here at 3:30 for the set-up. The Art Council would like someone to stay at the reception desk and keep the building open until the sound people have completed their tear down in case of any incidentals.

### Plein Air program

The Plein Air Workshop will be held on August 18 before the Picnic on the Prairie concert. The flyers have been printed and distributed. Maximum enrollment for the workshop is 20-25 people. The workshop will need a minimum of 5 people or will be cancelled due to low enrollment. Fuf will be here with the instructor Gordon Kellenberger during the day.

### Budget

The Hotel Motel Grant awarded the council \$5,000 for the 2018-2019 year. Last year the Art Council received \$5,500. The council will discuss adjusting the budget to reflect this reduction at next month's meeting.

### Old Business

The council inquired about ordering shirts through the City ordering site <http://www.companycasuals.com/cityofmarion>. Amber Bisinger gave directions on how to place orders. The council decided on ordering the collared polo type shirt in celadon blue. Orders must be placed by July 13.

Generic business cards have been ordered for the Arts Council.

The council approved the By-Laws with the correction under the Treasurer's responsibilities article letter A should change to D.

The Butterfly Project display was discussed regarding the placement in the park and the visual from the back side of the piece. The council agreed the piece should have been placed where the stark white back is not so visible. The council is suggesting the piece be moved to an area with taller grassy area behind it. It was suggested placing it near the master garden where butterflies might be found. Fuf offered to paint the back to match the front or have it used to display information on the butterfly and its habitat. The council has been told that the butterfly display is to be lowered for photo purposes as originally intended and possibly the back issue resolved at the same time.

### New Business

Pat Schmidt offered to coordinate the publicity of the council's events. We will revisit the list of distribution of posters at our next meeting. Jay suggested adding the City Engineer newsletter to our advertising list. We will be asking future artists and performers if they would utilize postcards and poster or if they prefer electronic files to share instead.

The Red Cedar Chamber concert is Thursday, March 28, 2019. They will have volunteers to set up the room to their preference. The council will be responsible for the reception that evening.

### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

**Next meeting -Tuesday, August 14, at 5:30 p.m.  
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