

MARION ART COUNCIL MINUTES

August 14, 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:

STAFF: Mary Ann Bries

GUESTS: Jill Ackerman

Minutes

Fuf Renfer noticed enrollment was spelled incorrectly in the July 10 minutes. Jay Moore motioned to approve the July 10 minutes with the corrected spelling, Jane Strnad Nelson seconded, all in favor.

Our Town Grant

Jill Ackerman from the Marion Chamber of Commerce presented the Our Town Grant application opportunity. ImagiNEXT, Marion's community visioning process, has announced the Future Four ideas. Each initiative is made up of several ideas that the community identified they would like to see and represent opportunities for placemaking and quality of life. The Heart of It All will develop a plaza for year-round outdoor gathering, install lighting, create focal points, create a performance space and expand the Uptown Artway to the east and west. The application is due August 22 but they won't announce the results until April or May of 2019. Design work is anticipated to begin in July of 2019. The total design fee would be \$180,000 and the grant would be written to pay for half of the fee. The application is requesting several partners on the project. The City of Marion would be the municipal partner, the Chamber the non-profit partner, and the Marion Art Council would be the art partner if the Art Council decides to partner on this opportunity. Pat motioned for the Marion Art Council to partner on the Our Town Grant, Jane seconded, all in favor. Fuf will let Jill know the Art Council has voted to partner on this opportunity.

Sculpture Committee

Brenda questioned the amount of money that is available for future sculptures. Mary Ann will check with Karlene Hummel and let the committee know.

Exhibits

The current exhibit is Helen Hunter. The reception was Thursday, July 12 with 40 people attending. Upcoming exhibit will be Silji Lynne – August 25 to October 27; Leslie Montgomery Fox – November, December and January 2019; Mt. Mercy University and Kirkwood Community College – February 2019; Dr. Kettelkamp and Larry Zirbel – March and April 2019; Iowa Art Quilters - July and August 2019. Silji Lynne's reception will be September 13.

Goodwill will exhibit the rest of July and August. Their reception date is August 22 at 1:00 p.m. Fuf said she could take care of this reception.

Picnic on the Prairie Concert

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 building supervisor will stay until the end of the concert and lock the building up. Angie expressed her concern of liability if something would happen while the sound and light person was taking their equipment down. Mary Ann checked with Tony and was told the sound person can lock everything up at the end. The council will need to remind the person working to do this and what all needs to be locked up. Jay offered to show everyone what needs to be done. Mary Ann let the council know there is an "Amphitheater Policy Manual" and will print a copy for the council to have as a reference. Fuf added the event to the Iowa Tourism site and Mary Ann placed the event on Hoopla. Jay and Pat will help with parking cars. Jay asked Mary Ann to ask for barricades for parking and no painted lines were needed for this concert. Angie asked Mary Ann to verify if

Police will be here for security and to cancel the port-a-potties. Angie, Jay, Pat and Brenda will be able to help at the concert.

Plein Air program

The Plein Air Workshop will be held on August 18 before the Picnic on the Prairie concert. The workshop has 6 people signed up at this time. Fuf and Jane 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. Fuf and Angie signed the Hotel / Motel Agreement and a copy will be kept for the council's file. Mary Ann informed the council that she completes the Hotel / Motel Grant Request Fund for the council. This is a brief form with copies of the invoices attached.

Old Business

Mary Ann will let the council know when the Art Council shirts they ordered come.

The Art Council received generic business cards for their use. The extras will be stored in the Art Room.

Fuf contacted The Butterfly Project coordinator regarding painting the back side of the butterfly.

New Business

The Artisan Sanctuary contacted the Art Council regarding helping at the October 7 fundraising concert they are having at Lowe Park. The council decided they didn't feel it was appropriate to help at the fundraising concert.

David Garrison mailed information regarding art workshops he offers.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

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