

## MARION ART COUNCIL MINUTES

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

ROLL CALL: Angie Pierce Jennings, Fuf Renfer, Jane Strnad Nelson, Brenda Kowalsky, Leslie Montgomery Fox

ABSENT: Pat Schmidt, Jay Moore

STAFF: Mary Ann Bries

GUESTS:

### Minutes

Fuf motioned to approve the October 9 minutes, Leslie seconded, all in favor

### Sculpture Committee

Mary Ann let the council know she has not heard anything regarding mowing an additional path leading to the yellow sculpture.

### Exhibits

Starry Elementary is exhibiting on the school exhibit wall. Their reception date is November 15 from 5:30 to 6:30. Fuf and Jane will oversee this reception.

The current exhibit is by Leslie Montgomery Fox. The artwork will be on exhibit from October 27 to February 2. The artist reception will be November 15 at 6:30. Fuf and Jane will take care of the school reception and Leslie will help at her reception. Upcoming exhibits will be Mt. Mercy University and Kirkwood Community College – February 2 to March 2; Dr. Kettlekamp and Larry Zirbel – March 2 to April 27; Gary Hoard - April 27 to June 29; Iowa Art Quilters – June 29 to September 7; Bob Strickland - September to October.

### Coffeehouse Night

Deep Dish Divas performed at the November 2 Coffeehouse Night with 80 people attending. Society of Broken Souls will perform at the December 7 Coffeehouse Night. The February performers will be Berli and Babs; a duo consisting of Kimberli Malloy and Barb Meyers. The March performers is still to be determined. The Bone People will perform at the April 5 Coffeehouse Night.

Mary Ann will email the council members when the posters for the December 7 Coffeehouse Night are ready to be picked up. The distribution list of posters is: Brenda – 3, Jay – 3, Jane – 1, Fuf – 1, Angie – 2, Pat – 5, and Leslie – 3. Leslie offered to drop off Jay's posters for him.

The treats purchased from Wit's End Coffeehouse has increased in price with the new owners. The council decided to continue to use Wit's End Coffeehouse for the purchase of the treats and coffee since they are a local business. The pumpkin bars did not all sell at the last Coffeehouse Night. The council thought the reason for not all being sold was due to the price increase to \$2 and the bars being small and not all the same size. The council decided to order 2 dozen cookies and 1 dozen mint brownies for the December Coffeehouse Night and sell everything for \$1. Brenda will order the treats for the next Coffeehouse Night. Leslie offered to pick up the treats if Jay is unable to.

An insurance business had approached the council regarding sponsoring the treats at Coffeehouse Night with the provision of having an information table available to attendees. The council decided this was not something they wanted to proceed with.

The council decided to have the members arrive around 5 on the night of Coffeehouse Nights to set up the tables and chairs.

The council will look at the reception supplies after the meeting and decide what is all needed. Fuf will pick up a ¼ cup measuring cup to use when making the coffee.

#### Budget

The council reviewed the current budget and the draft for the 2019-20 budget.

Fuf mentioned having the Art Council brochures printed inhouse in the future to save money. The brochure was created by Charlene Briggs, a former Art Council member. Angie will contact Charlene regarding receiving the brochure file in a pdf and an editable form.

#### Old Business

Angie mentioned the new By-Laws have not been signed after the council approved them. Mary Ann will include them in the December packets for everyone to review. The By-Laws will be approved and signed at the December meeting.

Fuf talked with Jill Ackerman with the Marion Chamber regarding the Our Town Grant. Jill thought the grant will be awarded in April 2019.

#### New Business

Fuf mentioned the Art Council should attend a City Council meeting and share information regarding the council and activities / events the council is responsible for.

#### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

**Next meeting -Tuesday, December 11, at 5:30 p.m.  
Lowe Park Art and Environment Center**