**MARION ART COUNCIL AGENDA**

July 9, 2019 5:30 P.M.

Lowe Park Art and Environment Center

ROLL CALL:

ABSENT:

STAFF:

GUESTS:

Approval of the June minutes.

Election of Officers

Sculpture Committee

-Footings on the “Disappearing Culture” sculpture – did the City Engineer to look at it, yet?
-Sculpture idea from Jay.

Exhibits

The current exhibit is Iowa Art Quilters - June 29 to August 31; Bob Strickland (photographer) – August 31 thru October; Karen Sands (pottery and paintings) - November to January 2020; Cara Briggs Farmers and Ben High – March to April 2020; Silje Lynne – May to June 2020. Cecile Houdel is interested in exhibiting and has done a series of pastel Nobel Prize winner portraits. The Iowa Pastel Society will exhibit next April in conjunction with their annual meeting. They will display in the Hall Gallery. Details are still being worked out. Fuf has received requests from 2 artists interested in exhibiting in the gallery and will contact them.

Goodwill Heartland clients are now exhibiting during the summer. A daytime reception will be arranged for this exhibit.

Coffeehouse Nights

Picnic on the Prairie Concerts June Review and August - Update

-June 15 concert with Lucy Kaplansky went well. We had the concert inside due to the weather forecast and severe thunderstorm watch. We had very heavy rains around 7:30 and lightning throughout the performance, so we definitely made the right call having it inside. The performance and the whole evening went very well. We had approximately 70 people, which is actually quite good considering the weather.

-The August 17 Picnic on the Prairie performer is Dandelion Stompers, a jazz group from Iowa City. Discuss status of posters, other marketing, and general plans.

-Discuss the signs for Picnic on the Prairie like the ones created for the movie nights and concerts.

August Plein Air Workshop

The Plein Air Workshop will be instructed Gordon Kellenberger.

Hotel / Motel Grant

Any word yet?

Budget Review

Old Business

Follow up to the Park Board Meeting – Mike suggested we add up how much time we spend volunteering on an annual basis.

Jay started the process:

Meetings - 90 hours

Coffeehouse - 120 hours

Summer Concert 2018 - 35 1/2 hours

Spring Concert 2019 - 30 ½ hours

Park Board Presentation - ½ to an hour

Receptions and prep?

Exhibit Preparation?

Musician Hiring Prep?

Sculpture Committee Work?

Anything else?

Jay did not estimate persons ordering and picking up coffeehouse treats, persons distributing posters, Angie and Fuf securing Artists and Communications with Park Staff, Persons changing Art in Gallery.

New Business

-Amber and Jessica will be coming to our August arts council meeting to talk with us about overall marketing that the city does and how the marketing of MAC events fits into that, and we'll learn more about Jessica's role.
-Red Cedar Concert on Thursday, April 30 at 7 pm.

-Mike Bryant Children’s Classes Idea

Adjournment

**Next meeting -Tuesday, August 15, at 5:30 p.m.**

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