**MARION ART COUNCIL MINUTES**

January 9, 2018, 5:30 P.M.

Lowe Park Art and Environment Center

ROLL CALL: Fuf Renfer, Dennis Frevert, Pat Schmidt, Jay Moore, Angie Pierce Jennings

ABSENT: Brenda Kowalsky, Jane Strnad Nelson

STAFF: Mary Ann Bries, Karlene Hummel

GUESTS:

Minutes

Pat amended the December 12 minutes to state "officers" verses "off duty" officers for security at events. Jay motioned to approve the amended December 12 minutes, Dennis seconded, all in favor.

New Member

Jay Moore was welcomed as a new member to the Art Council.

Sculpture Committee

The posters from the Sculpture Dedication are in the Art Room for future use.

Exhibits

John Thomas L. Richard, a pottery and 3D artist, and Doug Knutson, a retired graphic design artist, are exhibiting in November/December/January. This exhibit will go until Saturday, February 3. The February exhibit will be Mt. Mercy University and Kirkwood Community College. The reception is tentatively Thursday, February 15. Brenda will make a flyer with the college's information on it without any exhibit photos. Sue Biedeen, a painter, and Kyle Sydney Powell, a photographer, will exhibit March 3 to May 5. Their reception will be March 15. Fuf is checking with the Vinton Artist Guild on exhibiting in May and June. Pat suggested contacting Luther College and University of Iowa about a future exhibit by a couple of their student artist.

Novak Elementary is the student exhibit. The reception will be Thursday, January 11 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Fuf will take care of this reception.

Coffeehouse Night

The dates for the remaining 2017-18 Coffeehouse Nights are February 2, March 2, and April 6. The February 2 performer will be Roots of Rhythm. This group consists of Lynne Hart, Pat Smith and Richard Wagor. Dennis will pick up the treats. Jay, Pat, Angie and her husband will be able to help at this Coffeehouse Night. The March 2 performers will be Carol Montag and Carlis Faurot. Angie is working on the performer for the April 6 Coffeehouse Night.

Fuf will order the glass plate and a filter pack for the stage light from Smith Victor, the stage light manufacturer.

Red Cedar Concert

Red Cedar Concert is performing on Thursday, January 25 at 7 p.m. at the Arts and Environment Center. Fuf will check with the group on room setup preference. Council members will need to arrive at 6 p.m. to set up. Intermission will be around 7:40 for approximately 15 minutes. The concert should end by 8:30 p.m.

Picnic on the Prairie Concert

The Bernemann Full Band will be performing at the August Picnic on the Prairie. The cost for this group is $1,500. Angie is working on the performer for the June concert.

Budget

The council discussed the 2017-2018 Budget. Karlene Hummel explained the budget and answered questions the council had. For the current budget that runs until June 30, 2018, the council has budgeted $3,000 for Coffeehouse Nights and spent $630. There are 3 more Coffeehouse Nights to come out of this line item. The Fall Picnic on the Prairie had $2,500 budgeted. The council spent $1,000 for entertainment, $750 for lights and sound, and $258 for security. The Plein Air Workshop had $450 budgeted and spent $350. The Spring Concert has $2,500 budgeted. This amount is for the entertainment, lights and sound, security, hotel rooms and other miscellaneous expenses. The hotel / motel money awarded is considered a revenue that is to cover the money budgeted and is not an addition to the budgeted amount. The council can use money not spent for Coffeehouse Night performers with the $2,500 budgeted for the Spring Picnic on the Prairie concert to pay for the entertainment, lights and sound, security, hotel rooms and other miscellaneous expenses.

Old Business

The 11 burgundy round table clothes have been ordered and should arrive this week. The amount budgeted for the table clothes was $120 and they cost $116.49.

Fuf is in the process of ordering additional art hanger rods. The amount budgeted was $185 and the cost for these are $173.99.

Fuf reviewed the art items that have been donated or purchased with the insurance listing. She noticed 3 items that were not on the list. Mary Ann has contacted Darcie Coberly, the administrative assistant at Thomas Park, to add these items to the insurance policy.

Fuf shared a work order form that was created for Art Council to use for things they need done.

New Business

Fuf shared an email she received from a performer interested in performing at an Art Council event.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

**Next meeting - Tuesday, February 13, at 5:30 p.m.**

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