

MARION ART COUNCIL MINUTES

November 10, 2015, 5:30 P.M.
Lowe Park Art and Environment Center

ROLL CALL: Fuf Renfer, Angie Pierce Jennings (per phone), Pat Schmidt, Dennis Frevert, Brenda Kowalsky

ABSENT: Patsi Gann, Charlene Briggs

STAFF: Karlene Hummel, Mary Ann Bries

GUESTS:

Sculpture Trail Committee Update

MAC decided to move the first sculpture by the entrance to Lowe Park to a different location and purchase a new sculpture to be placed at that location. Brenda shared with the council a rough draft of an Artist RFW / RFP for the new sculpture piece. The council decided the new sculpture will be a medium to large permanent statement piece that will invite people into the park. The budget for this item is \$10,000 to \$40,000. Artist will submit their RFQ by January 15. A subcommittee of Pat, Brenda, a Friends of the Park member, and 2 more people will view the RFQ and present to the MAC their recommendation. The council would like the artwork in place by May of 2016. The City has a membership to the CAFÉ site that can be used for the call of artist. Mary Ann will get the members of the Friends of the Park information to the council for a possible subcommittee member.

MAC Budget

Karlene explained the City is going to a new finance program. She will update the budget line for Recreation Department's art craft classes. The council plans on having 6 receptions, 6 Coffeehouse Nights, Picnic on the Prairie and adding a spring performance. The additional cost for the performer, sound and lights will be reflected in the budget line item under Other Contractual Services.

Coffeehouse Night

Their first Coffeehouse Night with Craig Erickson had 65 people attending the performance. This number includes MAC members that were in attendance. Angie is working on the December 4 performer and will let everyone know who will be performing. Fuf will not be able to attend this performance but will stop earlier to help get ready. It was mentioned that having water at the Coffeehouse performances would be nice for the performers and for purchase. Mary Ann will have a case of water for MAC before the next performance. Mary Ann will make up a receipt for the council to use when they purchase items using the Coffeehouse revenue. She will also deposit the money from the coffee and treat sales after each performance and keep the cash box at \$150. The February 5 performer will be Bryce Janey and Freddy Jones duo. Lojo Russo will be performing at the April 8 Coffeehouse Night.

Exhibits

Jan Bell will pick up the current watercolor artwork and bring to the next exhibit in Clinton. The art exchange will be Saturday, December 5. The December/January exhibit is Julie Kulish and associates. The artist's reception will be on December 17 from 6:30 to 8:00. The February 2016 exhibit will be from Mt. Mercy University and Cornell College. Barb Weeks-Caudill plus another artist will be at the March/April exhibit. The school exhibits will be November: Echo Hill,

December: Francis Marion Intermediate, January: Bowman Woods, February: Wilkins, March: Linn-Mar High School, April: Novak and May: Oakridge Middle School.

Old Business

Brenda mentioned she would be available to help the Parks staff member hang the new gallery signs. Mary Ann will check when they will be able to hang the signs and let Brenda know.

Fuf is renewing her MAC term. Patsi Gann will not be renewing her MAC term. Mary Ann did pass this information on to Darcie.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 8, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. at the Lowe Park Art and Environment Center.