

MARION ART COUNCIL MINUTES

July 28, 2015, 5:30 P.M.
Lowe Park Art and Environment Center

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

ABSENT: Charlene Briggs, Brenda Kowalsky, Patsi Gann

STAFF: Karlene Hummel, Mary Ann Bries, Mike Carolan

GUESTS: Kyle Martin

Art News

Kyle Martin with Martin Gardner Architecture presented the Lowe Park Art Plan to the council. He explained the breakdown of the plan and how to use it as a planning tool. The plan breaks the park into areas based on the wants of the community. The packet will be used to solicit artwork for the different areas. The plan also includes a guideline for the process and breaks the artwork for each area into size and function. "Woodland Area" will be the first area and will begin the spring of 2016.

The Cedar Rapids Museum of Art is having free summer admission until the end of August.

Pat went to the Des Moines Art Festival and reported several of Jake Putnam's pieces sold at the festival. Pat also gave some postcards of local artists that were at the Des Moines Art Festival to Fuf for possible future exhibits.

Sculpture Trail Committee Update

Mike Carolan said \$116,000 is the amount funded for the purchase of artwork for the Sculpture Trail. The Marion Art Council will decide which area of the trail they would like to purchase artwork for. A committee will be selected to start the process and then a call to artists will be done. No timeline has been set but the Marion Art Council should decide in the next couple of months the area of the trail they would like to purchase artwork for and then begin the process.

Exhibits

The next art exchange will be Saturday, August 29. The September exhibit will be 40 quilts from Iowa Quilts. The reception date will be Thursday, September 17. The art exchange will be Saturday, October 3. The October/November exhibit will be the Iowa Watercolor Society Traveling Exhibit. The reception for this exhibit will be Thursday, October 15. Jan Bell will pick up the 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 her friends. The February 2016 exhibit will be from Mercy and Cornell College. The March/April exhibit will be Barb Weeks-Caudill.

MAC Budget

Nothing has been posted to the 2015-2016 MAC Budget.

Picnic on the Prairie

The event will be held on Saturday, August 22. Carlos Faurot and Carol Montage will be the entertainment for the event. Pat said Hy-Vee will be here at 6:00 to set up. Doug Johnson will arrive between 4:00 and 5:00 to set up and do a sound check. Mary Ann contacted the Friends

of the Park and they are willing to help with parking. Pat thought 3 or 4 members arriving at 6:00 will be very helpful. Angie will be here at 4:00 to unlock the Amphitheater power and sound box.

Old Business

Brenda is working on a physical binder for past events and the signage for the gallery. Discussion for future artwork purchases will be discussed at the next meeting when more members are present.

New Business

Marion Art Council has several links on the website of other art organizations. Angie mentioned everyone should look at the links on the website and let the council know if they have any suggestions.

The council set the dates for Coffeehouse Nights for the upcoming season. These dates are November 6, December 4, February 5, March 4 and April 8.

Pat suggested an additional meeting on August 18 at 5:30 to brainstorm about the Art Trail Sculpture and the breakdown of duties for the Marion Art Council. The normal Art Council meeting will be held on August 25 at 5:30.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. A special meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 18, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. at the Lowe Park Art and Environment Center.