

## MARION ART COUNCIL MINUTES

September 22, 2015, 5:30 P.M.  
Lowe Park Art and Environment Center

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

ABSENT:

STAFF: Mary Ann Bries

GUESTS:

### Art in the Alley

Fuf updated the council on Art in the Alley with a project layout. The map includes streets, buildings and the placement of artwork marked with a number. Most of the art pieces will be permanent and number 9 and 13 will be entrance artwork. Fuf will bring the cost for the project to the next MAC meeting. Several people and businesses have pledged financial support for this project. Fuf will ask at the next Art in the Alley committee meeting the cost of each art piece including installation and the total cost of the project.

### Sculpture Trail Committee Update

Fuf said the Marion Art Council will decide which area of the trail they would like to purchase artwork for and then a call to artists will be done with the price range for the art piece. Fuf thought they should begin the process at the beginning of the new year.

### Exhibits

Fuf and Ron Renfer will meet Jan with the Iowa Watercolor Society Traveling Exhibit on Friday, September 25, to accept the next exhibit's artwork. The art exchange will be done on Saturday, October 3. The reception for this exhibit will be Thursday, October 15 with the school reception from 5:30 to 6:30 and the watercolor society reception 6:30 to 7:30. Jan Bell will pick up the artwork and bring to the next exhibit in Clinton. The following art exchange will be Saturday, December 5. The December/January exhibit is Julie Kulish and associates. The February 2016 exhibit will be from Mercy and Cornell College. Fuf is checking with Barb Weeks-Caudill for the March/April exhibit. The art gallery has the opportunity next summer of having the Traveling Quilt Exhibit with the Ceramics Center art pieces.

### MAC Budget

The Parks Department would like the Art Council to begin using the City website instead of maintaining their own website. The current website domain is paid until January 2016. Instead of sending the information to be loaded onto the current MAC website, MAC can send it to Karlene who will place it on the City website. Mary Ann will check if it would be possible for the Marion Art Council to have their own tab on the left side of the City website instead of being under the Parks tab. Charlene questioned the possibility of keeping an url to direct people to the City Website. Mary Ann will have Amber Bisinger, City Communication Coordinator, talk to Charlene about the City website.

Mary Ann will drop off all the tablecloths to be cleaned before the first Coffeehouse Night. It was mentioned next year this should be done after the last Coffeehouse Night so they are clean when they being stored.

### Coffeehouse Night

Their first Coffeehouse Night will be November 6. Craig Erickson will be performing. Pat recommended Brice Janey perform at one of the Coffeehouse Nights. Mary Ann mentioned Terry McCauley also has a big following at his performances. Dennis will pick up the treats from Wit's End. Mary Ann will check on fire code requirements and get the start-up money for Coffeehouse Night.

### Old Business

The school signage is done and ready to hang. Mary Ann will contact Mike Carolan to have one of the Parks Department employees hang the sign. The council can decide if they would like to place in the new sign the name of the school exhibiting or "School Exhibit".

The Eulenspiegel Puppets has sent the Marion Art Council another flyer about a possible performance in the future.

### New Business

Brenda would like to move the council meetings to the second Tuesday of the month. Dennis motioned to amend the bylaws to have the Marion Art Council meetings be held the second Tuesday of the month. Pat seconded the motion and the motion was open for discussion. All in favor, motion carried.

Twenty postcards will be given to the exhibit's artists. The council will also send the artist a digital poster and postcard. If the exhibit is a group of people, the council will ask if they want any posters and/or postcards. It was mentioned to add on the posters and postcards the exhibit and reception is open to the public and no charge and also include the art gallery hours.

The art council will decide on a place for Cara Briggs Farmer's artpiece and the 2 pictures donated from Karen Hoyt.

### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. at the Lowe Park Art and Environment Center.