

MARION ART COUNCIL MINUTES

March 14, 2017, 5:30 P.M.
Lowe Park Art and Environment Center

ROLL CALL: Angie Pierce Jennings, Charlene Briggs, Brenda Kowalsky, Pat Schmidt, Fuf Renfer

ABSENT: Dennis Frevert, Elizabeth Wilson, MaryAnn Bries

STAFF:

GUESTS:

Art in the Alley

Amanda Kauffman, Assistant to the City Manager, said everything is in but Dale Merrill's sculpture which will be installed later this spring.

Sculpture Committee

Brenda and Pat reported the artist for the Prairie Revival signature piece has turned in all his specs for the sculpture. The city will figure out costs for installation, etc. Discussion about progress on the Buffalo sculpture will take place after the placement details for the first piece are worked out.

Brenda asked if future monies for more sculptures along the Lowe Park Sculpture Trail will come from future bond money. Fuf will ask Mike Carolan about the funding.

Exhibits

The school exhibit is by Francis Marion Intermediate (FMI) with the school exhibit reception to be held Tuesday, March 21.

The Gallery March/April exhibit is Karen Morehead, a ceramic artist, and Kathreen Huebener. This exhibit runs until Saturday, May 6. The reception is Thursday, March 16.

Ron Ginther and Jane Strnad Nelson will be exhibiting in May/June. Iowa Art Quilters will be exhibiting in July/August. The Creative Artists of Iowa have agreed to exhibit in September/October, along with Lori Kidd a jewelry artist.

John Thomas L. Richard, a pottery & 3D artist, would like to exhibit in the future. Angie suggested John and "the Fairy Artist" Sara Burrier be exhibitors. Fuf will contact both.

Coffeehouse Night

The Awful Purdies performed at the March 3 Coffeehouse Night with about 100 people attending. The group donated three CD's and one vinyl record for the raffle. There was an issue with the sound; the instruments over powered the singing. Angie will work with the sound set up before each performance to make sure the sound has the correct balance.

The April 7 performer will be Acoustic Open Jam Session led by Lori Blattner. Dennis will order and pick up the bake goods from Wit's End, and Fuf will get more water; the coffee supply is okay.

The 2017-18 Coffeehouse Nights will be October 6, November 10, December 1, February 2, March 2, and April 6. Angie has several artists in mind for next season with a wide variety of styles.

Hotel/Motel Tax Grant – Picnic in the Prairie Concert

For the June 17 spring concert, Angie and Pat will do a late March promotional interview on WMT. Dennis will work with Pat, Angie and WMT to coordinate a date. Angie will talk to Susan Warner's agent about providing a publicity packet to help promote the concert. Brenda can use their poster form, etc., to help with publicity. The

portable bathrooms and Police security will be arranged in April. Friends of the Parks will also be contacted to provide parking assistance.

For the August Picnic on the Prairie, \$1,000 is available for the performing musical group and approximately \$700 for sound set up. Angie will double check with Karlene Hummel on the 2017-18 budget for the August concert and the spring 2018 event.

Budget

See above.

Old Business

Discussion of adding permanent artwork will be delayed until a future meeting.

Fuf is organizing an Adult Plien Aire Workshop to be held in conjunction with the August Picnic on the Prairie. Gordan Kellenbeger from the Amana Artist Guild has agreed to instruct the Plien Aire Workshop and is helping with the details.

New Business

Discussion of upcoming Thursday, March 30, 7 pm to 8:15, Red Cedar Chamber Music Concert. Fuf and Ron will set up chairs during the afternoon. Council members need to arrive by 6:30 to greet concert attendees. At 7:00, members will set up for the reception which takes place following the concert. Some of the committee will serve refreshments while others take down the room after the concert.

The MAC was approached by Paul Christian to host ABC's of the Music Business lecture. The MAC discussed the music business class and decided not to sponsor it. Fuf will let Paul know.

Reviewed a request for the donation of a large wooden lighthouse from Tom McGovern. This does not fit the current Lowe Park Sculpture Plan so the Parks department will be asked if they are interested in the lighthouse donation.

Adjournment

**Next meeting - Tuesday, April 11, at 5:30 p.m.
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