

MARION ART COUNCIL MINUTES

April 11, 2017, 5:30 P.M.
Lowe Park Art and Environment Center

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

ABSENT: Elizabeth Wilson

STAFF: Mary Ann Bries

GUESTS:

Art in the Alley

Fuf updated the council on the Art in the Alley project. The dedication will be on Saturday, May 20. Please arrive at 9:00 a.m. and bring a chair if you plan on helping at the dedication.

Sculpture Committee

Brenda reported the City has received the Certificate of Insurance from both artist on their sculpture. The lights for the "Prairie Revival" sculpture will be the same as the ones used for the "Corn Sculpture" at the 35th St roundabout. With the set-back of the approval of some of the required information, the installation of the "Prairie Revival" sculpture will be in August. Mike Carolan is working with Aaron Alderman to secure the required information before the next payment for "Disappearing Culture" will be released. Fuf informed the council the Chamber will provide the scissors and ribbon for the dedication of the sculptures. Brenda thought the "Disappearing Culture" sculpture might be ready for dedication also in August at the Picnic on the Prairie event.

Mike Carolan responded regarding continued monies for future sculptures via email to Fuf:

Funding for continued development of the sculpture trail will come from future G.O. Bonds, scheduled in \$25,000 increments over the next five years starting in FY-18. The intent would be to find donor/partners for future pieces exceeding the budgeted amount. The original \$140,000 will be expended as we complete the two projects that are currently underway.

Exhibits

The school exhibit is by Emerson Elementary with the reception to be held Thursday, April 13.

The Gallery March/April exhibit is Karen Morehead, a ceramic artist, and Kathreen Huebener. This exhibit runs until Saturday, May 6. The reception held on March 16 had 50 guests attending.

Ron Ginther and Jane Strnad Nelson will be exhibiting in May/June. The reception will be Thursday, May 11. Fuf will be able to help at the reception. 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.

Coffeehouse Night

The April 7 Coffeehouse Night was Acoustic Open Jam Session led by Lori Blattner. There was 35 people in the audience and 22 people "jamming" with Lori.

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.

The tablecloths will be cleaned in the fall before the concerts begin.

Hotel/Motel Tax Grant – Picnic in the Prairie Concert

For the June 17 spring concert, Dennis did a March promotional interview on WMT. 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. Mary Ann has ordered the port-a-pots and will follow up with the Police Department regarding security for the event. Mary Ann will contact Friends of the Parks to provide parking assistance.

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. Angie is working on getting contracts for the performers for this concert.

Budget

Mary Ann deposited \$36 for the sale of refreshments and treats from the April 7 Coffeehouse Night. The petty cash money was deposited since the Coffeehouse Nights are done for the 2017-18 Fiscal Year.

Mary Ann provided a spreadsheet with the amount of money spent on Coffeehouse Night performers for the past 6 fiscal years.

Old Business

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

Fuf reminded the council the need for hosts for the Art in the Alley's Dedication Day to be held on Saturday, May 20.

New Business

The Eulenspiegle Puppets sent information regarding hosting a performance. The council decided it is not in their budget at this time to schedule a performance.

The Hotel/Motel Tax Grant is now open for the 2018-19 Fiscal Year. The council decided not to apply this year and wait to see how this year's event goes.

Adjournment

**Next meeting - Tuesday, May 9, at 5:30 p.m.
Lowe Park Art and Environment Center**

Month:	Performer:	Paid:
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2016-2017		
October	Terry McCauley	\$200.00
November	Laurie Haag	\$400.00
December	Karla Ruth	\$410.00
January		
February	Ben Schmidt	\$610.00
March	Nicole Upchurch	\$610.00
April	Lori Blatner	\$400.00
Total Paid		\$2,630.00

Month:	Performer:	Paid:
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2013-2014		
October	Olivia Freitag	\$75.00
November		
December	Truckstop Souvenir	\$500.00
January		
February	Patresa Hartman	\$200.00
March	Carlis Faurot	\$400.00
April	Larry Mossman	\$400.00
Total Paid		\$1,575.00

2015-2016		
October		
November	Craig Erickson	\$200.00
December	Sam Knutson	\$200.00
January		
February	Bryce Janey	\$415.00
March	Stacy Webster	\$600.00
April	Lojo Russo	\$210.00
Total Paid		\$1,625.00

2012-2013		
October		
November		
December	Carol Montag	\$400.00
January		
February	Kevin Burt	\$200.00
March	John Shultz Trio	\$400.00
April	Mary McAdams	\$400.00
Total Paid		\$1,400.00

2014-2015		
October	Kristie Black	\$400.00
November		
December	Debra Marquart	\$200.00
January	Carlis Faurot	\$600.00
February		
March	Larry Mossman	\$400.00
April	Natalie Brown	\$200.00
Total Paid		\$1,800.00

2011-2012		
October		
November	Pat Smith/Richard Wagor	\$200.00
December	Carol Montag	\$200.00
January	Truckstop Souvenir	\$250.00
February	Natalie Brown/Craig Erickson	\$250.00
March		
April	Vicki Price	\$200.00
Total Paid		\$1,100.00

Dear Mary Ann Bries,

You have been in contact with Madeleine Russell, our booking agent, in the past. She has changed careers and I am reaching out to her contacts, including you!

Eulenspiegel Puppets are known for performances of international folktales, bilingual shows, and regional historical fiction, often with live music. Our shows include witty scripts, original and expressive puppet designs, soft-sculpted, hand dyed scenery, and evocative music. We offer study guides for all of our shows. We have performed in 30 states and four other countries.

We also provide community performances you can participate in. We bring the puppets, stage, and story and rehearse it with your group during a three day residency. If you have an adult audience, we offer special shows for them as well.

I have include a fee schedule and information about some of our favorite shows, and you can find our entire repertoire at <http://puppetspuppets.com/>, including some video clips.

*If you wish to bring the troupe into your community, we will help you select the best performance for you!
Anything else?
Thanks!*

Monica Leo

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