

## MARION ART COUNCIL MINUTES

March 13, 2018 5:30 P.M.  
Lowe Park Art and Environment Center

ROLL CALL: Dennis Frevert, Angie Pierce Jennings, Jane Strnad Nelson, Brenda Kowalsky, Pat Schmidt

ABSENT: Fuf Renfer, Jay Moore

STAFF: Mary Ann Bries

GUESTS:

### Minutes

Dennis motioned to approve the February 13 minutes, Pat seconded, all in favor.

### Sculpture Committee

No update.

### Governor's Arts Award

Fuf discussed with Karen Hoyt and Mayor Nicolas AbouAsslay the Governor's Arts Award which recognizes an Iowa artist or artist team, nonprofit organization, and city or county that have made significant impact on the vitality of the arts in the state. Fuf researched the award and suggested nominating the community of Marion. The council decided this would be a great award to apply for. Pat suggested Fuf work with Karen Hoyt on a community nomination. The information is located at <https://iowaculture.gov/arts/opportunities/arts-recognition/governors-arts-award>.

### Exhibits

Sue Biedeen, a painter, and Kyle Sydney Powell, a photographer, will exhibit March 3 to May 5. Their reception will be March 15. Brenda, Jane and Pat said they will available to help at this reception. The Vinton Artist Guild will exhibit May 5 to June 30. Their reception will by May 10. Gordon Kellenberger will be exhibiting in the hallway gallery from June 1 to 30. His reception will be June 14. Upcoming exhibits will be by Helen Hunter (June 30 to August 25) and Silji Lynne (August 25 to October 27).

Linn-Mar High School is the student exhibit. The reception will be Thursday, March 15 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Angie and Jane will be able to help at this reception.

The summer school wall gallery will be the Faces of ACES and Resiliency Art Show in June and part of July. Goodwill will exhibit the rest of July and August.

### Coffeehouse Night

The March 2 performers was Carol Montag and Carlis Faurot. The room was at capacity of 146 with 40 to 50 people being turned away. Some suggestions for future Coffeehouse Nights expecting a large crowd is to move the garbage and recycle containers so everyone can see them. Attendees at larger Coffeehouse Nights should be only given one ticket and not save seats for people coming later. The back handicap door by the Hickory Room should remain locked with a sign stating front door entrance only. Signs reserving some chairs for the Art Council members working the event was also suggested.

The April 6 Coffeehouse Night performer will be David Zollo. Angie, Shiloh, Jane, Brenda, Dennis and possibly Pat will be able to help at this event. Dennis will be responsible for picking up the treats from Wit's End.

### Picnic on the Prairie Concert

Angie is working with Pieta Brown's manager on a contract for the June 16 Spring Picnic on the Prairie. The performance will be with Pieta Brown plus a 3 person band. The total contract amount is \$2,650. Angie was checking with Mike Carolan and Karlene Hummel on who should sign the contract. The deposit of \$1,325 will be due on April 19. The council decided to advertise the concert in the Marion Times and Iowa City Press

Citizen. They will make 11 X 17 and 8 X 11 posters to distribute. If the concert needs to be cancelled due to weather with a four hour notice, the performer will receive half of the total payment. The performer will receive full payment if the concert is canceled without a four hour notice.

#### Budget

The 2018-2019 budget was finalized March 8 and the department is waiting for information from the Finance Department. The council discussed the 2017-2018 Budget and the Hotel/Motel Budget.

#### Old Business

Fuf met with Karlene regarding an Iowa BIG project of 8 foot butterfly wings. The department is considering placing the sculptures by the Greenhouse at Lowe Park.

#### New Business

The council would like to have an information table at the City Showcase on May 5 at the Depot. They will discuss who will be able to attend at the April meeting.

Karlene sent Fuf amended Marion Arts Council By-Laws with changes indicated in red. The council decided to compare the current By-Laws with the amended ones at the April meeting.

#### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

**Next meeting - Tuesday, April 10, at 5:30 p.m.  
Lowe Park Art and Environment Center**