

MARION ART COUNCIL MINUTES

April 10, 2018 5:30 P.M.

Lowe Park Art and Environment Center

ROLL CALL: Fuf Renfer, Angie Pierce Jennings, Jane Strnad Nelson, Brenda Kowalsky, Pat Schmidt, Jay Moore

ABSENT: Dennis Frevert

STAFF: Mary Ann Bries

GUESTS: Barb Jacobs

Adult Art Classes

Barb Jacobs with Barbara Lee Art & Design presented an art instruction proposal for drawing or cartooning classes to the council. The class would be a 6-week class held once a week for 1 ½ to 2 hours. The council discussed the proposal after Barb left the meeting. Fuf will request examples of Barb's personal artwork to share at the next meeting. The council will discuss with Tony Ireland, Recreation Supervisor, the class details if they approve holding the adult art classes. The council will decide at the May meeting.

Minutes

Jay motioned to approve the March 13 minutes, Pat seconded, all in favor.

Sculpture Committee

Brenda informed the council there are no plans on landscaping by the new sculptures. The light installation will depend on the weather.

Governor's Arts Award

Fuf submitted the application for the Governor's Arts Award. The application was due by April 1.

Exhibits

Sue Biedeen, a painter, and Kyle Sydney Powell, a photographer, will exhibit March 3 to May 5. Their reception was March 15. The Vinton Artist Guild will exhibit May 5 to June 30. Their reception will be by May 10. Gordon Kellenberger will be exhibiting in the hallway gallery from June 1 to July 7. 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).

Wilkins Elementary is the student exhibit. The reception will be Thursday, April 15 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Fuf 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. Fuf will contact them regarding their day-time reception and will be able to work it.

Angie motioned to have the artist receptions go from 6:30 to 7:30 verses until 8. Jane seconded the motion, all in favor. The new artist reception time will take in effect for the July/August reception.

Coffeehouse Night

The April 6 Coffeehouse Night performer was David Zollo with 80 people in attendance. Mary Ann will send the council the dates for the 2018-19 season. Pat informed the council he has received several complaints about finding information regarding the Coffeehouse Nights on the City website. Angie needs to discuss with Terrell accessing the Art Council email list with the new email interface.

Picnic on the Prairie Concert

Angie sent Pieta Brown's contract for the June 16 Spring Picnic on the Prairie to Mike Carolan and Karlene Hummel to review. The total contract amount is \$2,650. Brenda will create 11 X 17 and 8 X 11 posters to

distribute. She will bring the posters after they are created to Lowe Park for members to distribute. Mary Ann will let everyone know when they are ready to be picked up.

The August 18 Picnic on the Prairie performer will be Bernemann Brothers. Fuf will discuss with Gordon Kellenberger on holding a Plein Aire workshop during the day of the August Picnic on the Prairie concert.

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. Karlene presented a rough draft of the 2018-19 budget.

Old Business

Angie thought the MAC By-Laws were amended to include Co-Chairs in 2014. She will check on this and report back at the May meeting. Fuf requested the council look over the By-Laws so can finish the discussion at the May meeting.

The council would like to have an information table at the City Showcase on May 5 at the Depot. Fuf and her husband will be at the Arts & Environment Center that morning for the art exchange so will not be able to help at the City Showcase. The Parks Dept will bring the table and awning to the Depot for the council. Jane and Brenda will arrive at 9:30 and work the 10 to 11:30 shift. Pat and Angie will work the 11:30 to 1 shift. Brenda will bring the big Picnic on the Prairie poster, the Art Council banner and brochures. Pat offered to bring everything back to the building including the table and awning.

New Business

Fuf and Angie will work on the Hotel / Motel Tax Grant application.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

**Next meeting - Tuesday, May 8, at 5:30 p.m.
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