

MARION ART COUNCIL MINUTES

February 9, 2016, 5:30 P.M.

Lowe Park Art and Environment Center

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

ABSENT: Dennis Frevert

STAFF: Karlene Hummel, Mary Ann Bries

GUESTS: Karen Hoyt, Amanda Kaufman, Elizabeth Wilson

Art in the Alley

Karen Hoyt shared with the Art Council that the Art in the Alley committee raised \$170,000. The goal was to raise \$130,000. They will be able to do extra things with the extra money raised. Amanda Kaufman, Assistant to the City Manager, and Karen Hoyt shared with the council samples and models of the Art in the Alleys project. Infrastructure work shall begin as soon as the ground thaws and needs to be completed by October 28, 2016 and liquidated damages will apply in the amount of \$1,500 per day for each calendar day in excess of this schedule. The committee has heard back from IEDA and only 2 of the art pieces that immediately touch a historic building needs to go through SHPO review. Once the contracts are approved, the Art in the Alley committee can share the specifics of the art pieces and artists.

Sculpture Trail Committee Update

The Sculpture Trail Committee will consist of Katie Lowe Lancaster, Bob Naujoks, Jay Moore and Marge Jensen. Brenda and Pat will be the MAC members. Brenda is working on the contract for the sculpture trail and will contact the committee members with a timeline and meeting dates. The sculpture Liberation, referred to as "snowplow", was originally intended to sit off of the main trail with the top visible from the main trail. The size of the sculpture was to fit in with the landscape and not over power it. It was intended that there would be pieces such as this that would have paths cut in the grass so people could wander off of the main trail to visit the sculpture closer. It was mentioned the "snowplow" art piece is small and not visible where it is located. This piece could possibly be moved to a different location and replaced with a larger art piece.

Exhibits

The February exhibit is from Mt. Mercy University. Kirkwood and Cornell College were unable to exhibit with Mt. Mercy. The local school exhibit is from Wilkins Elementary. Mt. Mercy's reception will be February 11 from 6:30 to 8. Fuf, Brenda and Pat will be able to help at this reception. Wilkin's reception will be February 16 from 5:30 to 6:30. Fuf and her granddaughter will be able to help at this reception. Barb Weeks-Caudill and Jefferson Henshaw will be at the March/April exhibit. The art exchange will be on Saturday, March 5. Fuf will be able to help at the exchange. Everyone will check their calendars to see if they are available to also help that day. The May/June exhibit will be by Rock Tai and Cris Sell. The July/August exhibit will be Tamera and Brian Jensen. The September/October exhibit will be Dianna Dunn and Jan Bell. The school exhibits scheduled are March: Linn-Mar High School; April: Bowman Woods and May: Oakridge Middle School.

Coffeehouse Night

The February 5 performance by the Janeys, Bryce and BillyLee Janey duo, had an attendance of 65 people. The quartet Feralings will be performing at the March 4 Coffeehouse Night. Lojo Russo will be performing at the April 8 Coffeehouse Night.

Budget

Mary Ann had journal entries done to correct supplies charged to the Art Council's account. The budget report shows the correct balances for each account.

Old Business

Brenda and Fuf counted 5 to 8 places in the Arts and Environment Center that additional permanent artwork could be hung. It was discussed having other City buildings have a location in their building dedicated to artwork. MAC could then rotate artwork throughout the different buildings in the city.

Elizabeth Wilson will begin the process of becoming a MAC member. With the addition of Elizabeth, the council will have 7 members.

The Red Cedar Chamber concert will be March 31 beginning at 7. The show is called "Music and Magic Lanterns". They have a list of requirements for their performance. The Art Council will hold the reception at intermission.

New Business

Picnic on the Prairie will be Saturday, August 20. Music performance will be by Carol Montag and Carlis Faurot. Last year's performance was from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This year, the council would like to schedule an opening act. The event will run from 6 or 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Guests will be invited to bring their own picnic basket; MAC will not be having any food or drinks available that evening. Fuf mentioned everyone should be thinking of ideas of opening acts for the evening. Carol Montag requested the opening act not be a female singer.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, at 5:30 p.m. at the Lowe Park Art and Environment Center.