

## MARION ART COUNCIL MINUTES

February 19, 2019 5:30 P.M.  
Low Park Art and Environment Center

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

ABSENT: Leslie Montgomery Fox, Brenda Kowalsky

STAFF: Mary Ann Bries

GUESTS:

### Minutes

Jay motioned to approve the January 8 minutes, Jane seconded, all in favor.

### Sculpture Committee

Jay noticed the light on the west side on the sculpture at the entrance of the park is not pointed at the sculpture. It was brought to the attention of the Art Council people using the park have been using the buffalo sculpture as a garbage container. Mary Ann will pass both of this information on to the Parks Dept staff.

### Exhibits

The current exhibit is Mt. Mercy University and Kirkwood Community College. This exhibit will run from February 2 to March 2. The reception will be Wednesday, February 20; weather permitting. Upcoming exhibits will be Dr. Kettelkamp and Larry Zirbel – March 2 to April 27 with the reception March 7; Gary Hoard - April 27 to June 29; Iowa Art Quilters – June 29 to September 7; Bob Strickland (photographer) - September to October; Karen Sands (pottery and paintings) - November to January 2020; Cara Briggs Farmers and Ben High – March to April 2020.

Fuf shared an email she received from Silje Lynne regarding exhibiting in May to June 2020. This exhibit would be a collection of several hobby photographers from a variety of countries. The council agreed this would be an interesting exhibit to showcase at the gallery.

Indian Creek School is exhibiting on the school exhibit wall. Their reception was Thursday, February 7 with 50 people in attendance.

### Coffeehouse Night

The February 1 Coffeehouse Night performers was Berli and Babs; a duo consisting of Kimberli Malloy and Barb Meyers. There was \$52 worth of refreshment sold at this Coffeehouse Night. Sarah Driscoll and Nicole Upchurch will be the duo performing at the March 1 Coffeehouse Night. The Bone People, a group consisting of Debra Marquart, Peter Manenis and Anthony Steven, will perform at the April 5 Coffeehouse Night.

The distribution list of posters is: Brenda – 3, Jay – 3, Jane – 1, Fuf – 1, Angie – 2, Pat – 5, and Leslie – 3. Fuf will contact Leslie to see where her posters need to be dropped off at.

Angie asked Mary Ann to order 2 additional lightbulbs for the stage lights as spares.

### Picnic on the Prairie Concerts June and August

The June 15 Picnic on the Prairie performer will be Lucy Kaplansky. The cost for this performer is \$3,000. The contract also calls for the Art Council to provide lodging and a hot meal. The Art Council can not officially announce the performer until the contract is signed. The contract has some changes needed. The updated contract will be presented at the March 13 Park Board for approval. Angie would like to do this concert rain or shine.

The August 17 Picnic on the Prairie performer is Dandelion Stompers, a jazz group from Iowa City. The performer cost is \$1,500.

The signed sound and lights contract for both Picnic on the Prairie events have been received.

#### Budget

The council reviewed the budget items. Fuf will order wine colored table clothes.

Mary Ann will check when the Hotel / Motel Tax Grant is due and let the council know. It is normally in the spring.

#### Old Business

The council decided to do a presentation to the Park Board at the May 8 meeting.

Red Cedar Concert will be holding a concert at Lowe Park on Thursday, March 28.

The Our Town Grant has not been awarded yet.

The Art Council have been receiving scam emails. All members need to be aware of what emails they are opening.

The Art Council decided against contacting sponsors for the Picnic on the Prairie events.

The City's Boards and Commissions reception was moved to Monday, February 25 from 4:30 to 6. There will be a presentation at 5:15 and 5:45.

#### New Business

Fuf and Jay attended the State of the City luncheon and enjoyed the Mayor's presentation. The presentation can be found on the City's website.

Erik Miles has reached out to the Parks and Rec Dept regarding a plaque or art piece to commemorate the Echo Satellite communications site near Marion and the technology it played as a part of the space program and moon landing 50 years ago. Fuf will meet with Karlene Hummel and Erik Miles to discuss this project. She will report back at the next meeting.

Jay mentioned the Friends of the Park have been approved by the Parks Dept. to install an interactive sun-dial memorial for Charlie and Pat Kress on the sculpture trail at Lowe Park. The Kress family have been very active and supportive of the Parks Dept.

#### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

**Next meeting -Tuesday, March 12, at 5:30 p.m.  
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