

SAGINAW ARTS & ENRICHMENT COMMISSION
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March 20, 2024
Minutes



Call to Order/Roll Call:

Chair Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Present: Craig Bell, Ben Champagne, Sarge Harvey, William Keyes, Theresa Lister, Thor Rasmussen, Thelma Ruffin, Karly Schmidt, Joe Turner

Excused: Sonia Burklund, William Ewald, Pat Shelley, Suzanne Skrelunas

Absent: Indigo Dudley, Kristin Karwat, Kathy Couillard, Bob Gilmour

Staff Present: Marsha Braun

Approval of Minutes

Craig Bell moved to approve the February 2024 minutes. Joe Turner seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

February 2024 treasurer's report was presented by Commissioner Bell. He noted that there was not much activity with regards to income and that expenses were tracking as expected. Only item one item stood out as unusual, a voided check reflected in expenses. Joe Turner moved to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Ben Champagne. Motion passed.

MACC Minigrant Program – MACC OS Grant

Marsha Braun reported that the new MACC grant portfolio and FY25 grant guidelines will be available online May 1. Deadline for submission is July 24 at 5 p.m.

Regional Regranting – MACC recently redistributed minigrant funds from other regions, SAEC will receive an additional \$5,350 for distribution to FY24 minigrant recipients.

All Area Arts Awards

Sponsorship requests have been sent to past sponsor's with hopes of securing several new ones since at this point in time, we've lost \$1,500 in past sponsor support for various reasons. Sponsorships at all levels are still available. Nominations are due by March 31st and can be made online at ArtSaginaw.org or by completing a nomination form available in the March Artifacts newsletter. List of past winners can also be found on the website.

ArtReach Grant

Received 14 applications for a total of \$46,900 in requests with \$29,700 to regrant. Committee will meet early April and Artreach Grant awards announced at the All Area Arts Awards.

Saginaw Celebrates Summer

Event listings for the summer calendar must be submitted by April 1 to be included in the 2024 calendar which will be published two weeks early to coincide with the Memorial Cup.



Chair Report

Chair Rasmussen reminded commissioners that Saginaw has many programs and events that are perennial favorites and while we know and love them, others may not be familiar with the events. Please spread the word by telling new people. And as commissioners begin to travel this spring and summer, enjoy cultural opportunities and share new ideas.

Director Report

Director Braun suggested increasing the minimum cost of membership to cover the anticipated rise in expenses in the coming year. After discussion, Thor Rasmussen moved to allow an increase in membership rates at the discretion of the director.

Seconded by Bill Keyes. Motion passed.

Braun reported that she will be reviewing the committee structure and making suggested updates, within commission bylaws, at the next meeting.

New Business

Commissioners discussed ideas to commemorate the work of Les Tincknell with the commission and at Andersen Center. Marsha Braun will meet with the Andersen Center building manager to further discuss options. Sarge Harvey thanked Craig Bell for stepping in as treasurer after Les' passing. Thelma Ruffin suggested hosting a membership appreciation event as we work to increase the membership base.

Announcements

Chair Rasmussen announced that *An Evening with Itzhak Perlman* will be held at the Temple Theatre on April 11 and that tickets are still available. Joe Tuner is teaching free Tai Chi at the Saginaw Art Museum on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. and will begin classes in the park when the weather warms up.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Commissioner Turner moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Lister. Motion passed.

Recorded by:

Marsha Braun, Executive Director