

SAGINAW ARTS & ENRICHMENT COMMISSION
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September 21, 2023
Minutes



Call to Order/Roll Call:

Chair Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Present: Craig Bell, Sonia Burkland, Sarge Harvey, Theresa Lister, Thor Rasmussen, Thelma Ruffin, Suzanne Skrelunas, Les Tincknell

Excused: William Ewald, Pat Shelley, Joe Turner

Absent: Kathy Couillard, Indigo Dudley, Robert Gilmour, Kristin Karwat, William Keyes,

Staff Present: Marsha Braun, Tom Brubaker

Financial Report and Minutes

June and September minutes along with June, July, August and September treasurer's reports will be presented for approval at the October 18, 2023 commission meeting.

Nominating

SAEC welcomes two new commissioners, Theresa Lister and Robert Gilmour.

MACC Minigrant Program

FY24 OS grant awards will be made public by the Michigan Arts & Culture Council on September 22, minigrant awards will be announced the following week. For FY24, we had a total of 23 Projects applications for \$82,161 in requests with \$42,000 to grant, and 21 POD applications for a total of \$30,335 in requests with \$11,000 to grant. Record number of minigrant applications this year.

Art @ the Andersen and Fall Show

Brubaker announced that the Susan Pack exhibition "For the Love of Fiber" will be on display through October 31, 2023.

Les Tincknell reported that the Fall Show featuring works by the Saginaw Area Watermedia Artists will open October 3 with a reception from 5 – 7 pm and will run through October 12. More than 75 works by 24 SAWA artists will be on display.

Saginaw Celebrates Summer

Concluded August 31 with over 175 events during the three month celebration. Final report and request for funding for 2024 will be submitted to HSC first of October. Thank you to our presenting sponsor HSC, title sponsor Jolt Credit Union, and in-kind media sponsors WSGW and WNEM.

ARTS Roundtable

Held at the MidMichigan Children's Museum on August 22. Ann Doyle gave a guided tour and provided a museum history. Next Roundtable meeting will be held at Creative 360 in Midland.



Artist Mixer

"Celebrating Diversity Through Spoken Word" took place on Tuesday, August 22 at Andersen Center and attracted our largest number of participants at 42. Featured poets were Marcia Reeves, Marion Tincknell, and Donny Winter. Next Artist Mixer will take place at Andersen Center on November 14.

Hollyday Art Mart

Tom Brubaker reported that planning is well under for this year's Hollyday Art Mart which will be held on Wednesday, November 29 at Andersen Enrichment Center with extended hours from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. to accommodate after work shoppers. This year's Art Mart will include artists' booths, a holly sale, "Christmas Café", Bake Shoppe, holiday music, and a silent auction. We have two presenting sponsors and continue to seek sponsors at all other levels. We are also looking for cookie bakers and donations for the silent auction.

Chair Report

Chair Rasmussen thanked the commissioners for their service adding that now is the time to remain focused, to execute our strategic plan, and to empower our area artists, arts organizations and arts leaders.

Announcements

Craig Bell wanted to recognize and thank Lori Rittenberry, Andersen Center building manager, for her hard work in the rose garden this summer. He said it looks beautiful and is at its best. Marsha Braun recognized all those who adopted a rose bed and volunteered their time to keep the roses healthy and looking their best.

Thor Rasmussen announced that the Temple Theatre has four shows in four days beginning tomorrow followed by additional programs including the Saginaw Bay Symphony Orchestra and Saginaw Choral Society concerts.

Adjournment

With no quorum present, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Recorded by:

Marsha Braun, Executive Director