

SAGINAW ARTS & ENRICHMENT COMMISSION
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April 20, 2022
Minutes



Call to Order/Roll Call:

Chair Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Present: Craig Bell, Stephanie Domina, Indigo Dudley, Sarge Harvey Thor Rasmussen, Thelma Ruffin, Suzanne Skrelunas, Burris Smith, Les Tincknell

Excused: Kathy Couillard, William Ewald, William Keys, Sonia Severin, Pat Shelley

Absent: Kristin Karwat, Kujuanna Ray, Joe Turner

Staff Present: Nancy Koepke, Mandy Borsenik

Approval of Minutes

Craig Bell moved to approve the March 2022 minutes. Sarge Harvey seconded. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Les Tincknell reported income of \$16,004.00 and expenses of \$9,367.53 for the month of March. Burris Smith moved to accept the treasurer's report. Stephanie Domina seconded. Motion approved. The report was received and filed.

Les Tincknell moved to approve the application to MACC for Regional Regranting FY23. Craig Bell seconded. Motion approved.

Youth Outreach

Nancy Koepke reported that we will be offering art classes at the Boys and Girls Club and First Ward Community Center this summer.

MACC Minigrant Program

Nancy reported that final reports are coming in for FY22 and the news release just went out for FY23. Minigrants will be due August 3rd.

Artist Mixer

Indigo Dudley announced that the last Artist Mixer was held at the Saginaw Art Museum on Wednesday, March 23 from 6-8 pm. Thirty to forty attended.

Art & the Andersen

Mandy Borsenik announced that the current exhibit, *Places and Familiar Faces! Portraits and Abstracts by Lester White* is on display through May 11. A meet & greet for the artist was held on Thursday, April 7 and was well attended by friends and family. The next show will open May 18 and will feature the work of Deb Huntley.

All Area Arts Awards

Mandy announced that Arts Awards will be held on Thursday, June 9th at the Saginaw Art Museum. Sponsor letters and nomination forms have gone out and we have heard from all but one Patron. The entertainment will be the same as last year and the new

caterer is Dietrich Bronner from Venture Catering. Volunteers from the Saginaw Choral Society will serve as bartenders and Oppermanns will provide wine. The invitation will go to the printer next week.

New Business

Amy Spadafore and Renee Johnston from the ARPA committee made a presentation about ARPA funds which are available to local organizations and individuals. A new online application will be available from May 1st to May 30th. However, applications already submitted will also be considered.

Chair Report

Thor Rasmussen reported that he had created an online survey to get feedback from the community as to what people are wanting and needing regarding arts and cultural opportunities. He also reported that he has completed a year-long Rising Leaders program which was offered by the Michigan Arts and Culture Council.

Director Report

Nancy Koepke reported that she is working on grants. The Huntington Bank application was submitted last week and two applications to the state, one for operations and one to oversee the regional regranting program are due June 1st.

Announcements

Thor reported that the new exhibit, Symbols of the Sublime is on display at the Saginaw Art Museum. Museum hours are Wednesday-Friday from 12-5 and the 2nd Saturday of each month.

Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Bell to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Recorded by,

Nancy Koepke,
Director