



Call to Order/Roll Call:

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

Present: Craig Bell, Sonia Lopez Burklund, Kathy Couillard, Stephanie Domina, Kristin Karwat, William Keyes, Thor Rasmussen, Thelma Ruffin, Suzanne Skrelunas, Les Tincknell, Joe Turner

Excused: William Ewald, Sarge Harvey, Pat Shelley, Burris Smith

Absent: Indigo Dudley, Kujuanna Ray

Staff Present: Marsha Braun, Tom Brubaker

Approval of Minutes

Craig Bell moved to approve the February and March 2023 minutes. Joe Turner seconded. Motion passed.

Financial Report

Treasurer Tincknell reported that the commission's finances are looking good and that we will begin to see additional revenue and expenses as the All Area Arts Awards approaches in early May. Nothing unusual in February or March report. Joe Turner moved to accept the February and March treasurer's report. Stephanie Domina seconded. Motion passed.

Michigan Arts & Culture Council requires board approval for the commission to submit an application for FY24 Operational Support. Les Tincknell moved to approve submission of the FY24 OS application. Bill Keyes seconded. Motion passed.

All Area Arts Awards

Tom Brubaker reported that this year's All Area Arts Awards is right around the corner, Wednesday, May 3 at the Dow Event Center with entertainment during the reception by Courtinnum and Call to Celebrate with the Saginaw United Drumline. Gaudreau the Florist is assisting with stage decorations and updating centerpieces. Elisse Ramey from WNEM TV5 will serve as the emcee. Sponsorships are available at all levels as well as individual tickets.

Saginaw Celebrates Summer

Braun announced that HSC has confirmed as presenting sponsor for Saginaw Celebrates Summer 2023, working on confirming additional sponsors. Calendar is underway, please forward any summer events to Marsha. Plan is being developed for social media and WNEM TV5 weekly appearances with summer events and updates.

Artist Mixer

Close to 30 people attended the April 18 Artist Mixer, origami presentation and workshop by Mark DeWolf Ott. The next Mixer will feature spoken word and be held in the Andersen Rose Garden on August 22, 2023.



Strategic Plan

With no questions raised, Thelma Ruffin moved to approve the updated Strategic plan with long-term goals through June 30, 2026. Bill Keyes seconded. Motion passed.

Chair Report

Chair Rasmussen reminded everyone that summer is a time with lots of great cultural programming. He encouraged all to find things to participate in and to bring a friend or family member.

Director Report

Marsha Braun reported that the Huntington Bank grant has been submitted and will be reviewed in May. FY24 MACC minigrant application is now available for those wishing to apply. Guidelines and information is available on website at artsaginw.org.

Artreach Grant Committee met on April 19 and recommended funding thirteen grant applications for a total of \$29,761. Grants will be announced at the All Area Arts Awards on May 3rd. Craig Bell moved to accept recommendation from the committee for 2023-2024 Artreach grant funding. Kathy Couillard seconded. Motion passed.

Director of Community Engagement Report

Tom announced that the next ARTS Roundtable will be held at the State Theatre in Bay City, May 22nd at 10:00 a.m. with a tour and networking. The current Art @ the Andersen show, "*Peaceful Tranquility: Works in Acrylic and Oil by Nancy Farley*" will be on display through May 10. "*Birds Doing Things*" by Steve Jessmore will open May 17, 2023. An artist reception will be held at a later date.

Announcements

Joe Turner recognized the Saginaw Spirit as host of the 2024 Memorial Cup and suggested the commission look into program tie-ins with the upcoming hockey tournament. Thor Rasmussen announced the opening of *Big Energy* by Mickayle Thurin on April 26 at the Saginaw Art Museum.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. Commissioner Karwat moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Keyes. Motion passed.

Recorded by:

Marsha Braun, Executive Director