

SAGINAW ARTS & ENRICHMENT COMMISSION
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February 15, 2023
Minutes



Call to Order/Roll Call:

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

Present: Craig Bell, Sonia Burkland, Stephanie Domina, Indigo Dudley, William Keys, Thor Rasmussen, Thelma Ruffin, Pat Shelley, Suzanne Skrelunas, Les Tincknell, Joe Turner

Excused: Kathy Couillard, William Ewald, Sarge Harvey, Burris Smith

Absent: Kristin Karwat, Kujuanna Ray

Staff Present: Marsha Braun, Tom Brubaker

Approval of Minutes

Craig Bell moved to approve the January 2023 minutes. Joe Turner seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Les Tincknell reported January income of \$15,985.04 and expenses of \$8,583.05, noting that January is a slow month until we see Arts Awards revenue and expenses starting to come in. Braun noted that the income and expenses percent of budget is on target year to date. Pat Shelley moved to accept the January treasurer's report. Joe Turner seconded. Motion passed.

Student Art Show

"Celebrating Saginaw's Cultures, Building Unity through Diversity" wrapped up with almost 500 people viewing the student art work. A special thank you to Thelma Ruffin and Kathy Couillard for their volunteer assistance at the awards ceremony.

Art @ the Andersen

Celebrating Saginaw's Cultures Student Art Show Award Winners will be on display through February 24. Works in oil and acrylic by Nancy K. Farley will open February 28.

MACC Minigrant Program

Braun reported that two FY23 Art Equipment/Supplies and Bus minigrants have been awarded. The remaining \$5,330 in grant funds will be re-distributed to Arts Project minigrant awardees.

All Area Arts Awards

Tom Brubaker confirmed that the awards will take place on Wednesday, May 3 at the Dow Event Center with a celebratory reception followed by the awards. He is working with the Dow's catering manager to develop menu for the evening. Sponsorship requests have been sent to past sponsor's with hopes of securing several new ones. Nominations are due March 31st and can be submitted online at ArtSaginaw.org.

Community and Youth Enrichment

Braun announced that the commission would be sponsoring Origami at the Red Eye with origami expert Mark DeWolf-Ott on March 5 from 1 – 3 p.m. A free of charge drop-



in workshop. Other plans include bringing Drummunity back for an elementary school program and art classes at the Neighb for older adults.

Arts Round Table

Brubaker reported that the Arts Round Table will meet February 21 at 10 a.m. at the Temple Theater with Temple Arts, Saginaw Choral Society and Saginaw Bay Symphony Orchestra hosting area arts managers for a tour and networking.

Strategic Plan

Strategic plan short-term objectives were reviewed. Braun will edit the plan for approval at the February commission meeting. Craig Bell suggested that once approved, staff provide an update report every 6 months. Joe Turner suggested that we look into, and communicate, the economic impact of Saginaw's arts and cultural sector in an effort to make a case for arts support.

Chair Report

Chair Rasmussen said he wanted to thank everyone for volunteering their time and encourage them to recognize the goodness of others in the arts community by submitting an arts award nomination, sending a note of appreciation, thanking event staff, or in another simple way.

Director Report

Braun reported that she and Tom Brubaker attended the February 6 city council meeting, making introductions and inviting them to visit the student art show. They will continue to communicate with council. She also thanked Stephanie Domina for helping to secure employees from The State Bank for two garden clean up days.

Director of Community Engagement

Tom reported that he and commissioner Dudley will be meeting to discuss ideas for upcoming Artist Mixers. He has been speaking with WNEM TV5 with regards to SAEC becoming a resource for regular on-air summer event updates.

Announcements

Pat Shelley announced three upcoming events: Theodore Roehtke Poetry Festival at Oracle Brewing on March 19, SVSU Intercultural Night on March 24, Saginaw on Stage on April 15. Thor Rasmussen added that there would be an Artist Talk with James Terrell at the Saginaw Art Museum on March 9.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m. Commissioner Turner moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Ruffin. Motion passed.

Recorded by:
Marsha Braun, Executive Director