



**Call to Order/Roll Call:**

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

Present: Craig Bell, Sonia Burklund, Ben Champagne, Sarge Harvey, Theresa Lister, Thor Rasmussen, Thelma Ruffin, Karly Schmidt, Pat Shelley, Joe Turner

Excused: Kathy Couillard, William Ewald, Bob Gilmour, Suzanne Skrelunas

Absent: Indigo Dudley, Kristin Karwat, William Keyes

Staff Present: Marsha Braun

**Approval of Minutes**

Pat Shelley moved to approve the November 2023 and January 2024 minutes. Joe Turner seconded. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report**

November and December 2023, and January 2024 treasurer's reports were presented noting that income and expenses were in line for the first of the year and that the largest expense has been the MACC FY24 Minigrant payments. Sarge Harvey moved to approve the treasurer's reports, seconded by Pat Shelley. Motion passed.

**MACC Minigrant Program – MACC OS Grant**

Marsha Braun reported that MACC is in the process of developing a new grant portfolio which will be announced in April. The June 1, 2024 OS grant application deadline will be pushed back to mid to late July.

**Art @ the Andersen**

*Celebrating Saginaw's Cultures Student Art Show Award Winners* will be on display through February 23 as part of Art @ the Andersen. *Celebrating Women! Portraiture by Kathy Morley* will open February 28.

**Saginaw Celebrates Summer**

Braun reported that HSC has confirmed as presenting sponsor for Saginaw Celebrates Summer 2024, waiting on confirmation from Jolt Credit Union as a 2024 sponsor. Calendar will publish early, beginning May 19, to coincide with the Memorial Cup. Plan is being developed for social media and Marsha is working on securing WNEM TV5 weekly appearances as well as additional media and program sponsors.

**All Area Arts Awards**

Marsha Braun confirmed that the awards will take place on Wednesday, May 1, 5:30 p.m. at the Dow Event Center with a celebratory reception followed by the awards, same format as last year. She will be 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 31<sup>st</sup> and can be submitted online at [ArtSaginaw.org](http://ArtSaginaw.org).

### **ArtReach Grant**

Applications for the 2024-2025 Artreach grant are due by noon, February 28, 2024. Grant awards will be announced at the All Area Arts Awards.

### **Chair Report**

Chair Rasmussen recognized the passing of long time commissioner Les Tincknell, noting that he had a servant heart, was a doer not a talker, and that there will certainly be a void at the table. Les was an ardent supporter of the commission and the Andersen Center.

Rasmussen asked newly appointed commissioner, Ben Champagne to introduce himself and share his background.

### **Director Report**

Saginaw Arts & Enrichment Commission is seeking a qualified individual for the vacant marketing position. Job description has been posted on the city website where applicants can apply. Lori Rittenberry is looking for individuals and/or groups to adopt a rose bed for the summer, she can be contacted directly for information.

### **Announcements**

Chair Rasmussen and commissioner Champagne announced that there will be an upcoming poetry night at the Saginaw Art Museum, a Silent Disco and a new exhibition opening March 7<sup>th</sup>. Also, the *African-American Art Legacy & Literacy Class presented by Anthony & Davida Artis* has numerous educational opportunities now through mid-May. Stay tuned for a big announcement from the Temple Theatre.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 4:34 p.m. Commissioner Ruffin moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Schmidt. Motion passed.

Recorded by:  
Marsha Braun, Executive Director