

SAGINAW ARTS & ENRICHMENT COMMISSION
120 Ezra Rust Dr
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January 17, 2024
Minutes



Call to Order/Roll Call:

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

Present: Craig Bell, Sarge Harvey, Theresa Lister, Thor Rasmussen, Thelma Ruffin, Joe Turner

Excused: Sonia Burkland, Kathy Couillard, William Ewald, Bob Gilmour, Kristin Karwat, William Keyes, Pat Shelley, Suzanne Skrelunas, Les Tincknell

Absent: Indigo Dudley, Karly Schmidt

Staff Present: Marsha Braun

Financial Report and Minutes

November and December 2023 and January 2024 financial reports as well as the November 15, 2023 and January 17, 2024 minutes will be presented and approved at the February 21, 2024 regular commission meeting.

MACC Minigrant Program

Marsha Braun reported that FY24 first grant payments (90% of grant award) have all been made with exception of one with outstanding materials.

Hollyday Art Mart

The annual fundraiser took place on Wednesday, November 29, with 20 vendors, a "Christmas Café & Bake Shoppe", silent auction, holly sale and musical entertainment. Our thanks to all of you who volunteered, donated and attended the event. This year's event fundraising total was over \$8,300.

Student Art Show

"Celebrating Saginaw's Cultures, Building Unity through Diversity" runs through 11 a.m. on January 26. Over 350 pieces of student artwork is on display, grades 3 – 12. Awards ceremony will take place on Thursday, January 25 from 5 – 7 p.m. Award winners will be on display as part of Art @ the Andersen January 29 – February 23.

Chair Report

With the start of the New Year, Chair Rasmussen encouraged commissioners to get out into the community and experience new opportunities, to be an ambassador for Saginaw arts and culture.

Director Report

Saginaw Arts & Enrichment Commission founding member and community arts advocate Suzanne Mason passed away on December 27, 2023 at the age of 96. Suzanne was an ardent supporter and passionate about the commission's programming.

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Announcements

Commissioner Turner announced that he is teaching Tia Chi at the Saginaw Art Museum on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m.

Thor Rasmussen announced that the *Jacob Lawrence: The Legend of John Brown* is now open at the Saginaw Art Museum and runs through April 20th. Also, the *African-American Art Legacy & Literacy Class presented by Anthony & Davida Artis* has numerous educational opportunities now through mid-May.

Adjournment

With no quorum present, the meeting was adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

Recorded by:

Marsha Braun, Executive Director