



Call to Order/Roll Call:

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

Present: Craig Bell, Sonia Lopez Burklund, Kathy Couillard, Stephanie Domina, Sarge Harvey, William Keyes, Thor Rasmussen, Thelma Ruffin, Pat Shelley, Burris Smith, Les Tincknell, Joe Turner

Excused: William Ewald, Suzanne Skrelunas

Absent: Indigo Dudley, Kristin Karwat, Kujuanna Ray

Staff Present: Marsha Braun, Tom Brubaker

Approval of Minutes

Pat Shelley moved to approve the May 2023 minutes. Joe Turner seconded. Motion passed.

Financial Report

Treasurer Les Tincknell reported income of \$4,847.02 and expenses of \$18,027.37 for the month of May. Burris Smith moved to accept the treasurer's report. Pat Shelley seconded. Motion approved. Treasurer reviewed 2023-2024 operating budget for \$216,200. Les Tincknell moved to accept the 2023-2024 Budget and Burris Smith seconded. Motion approved. The report was received and filed.

Nominating

Committee chair Kathy Couillard reported that there are two commission applications pending approval. We anticipate having two open positions to fill. Several names were submitted by commissioners for consideration.

Art @ the Andersen

Michigan: Sense Our Flora, Woods and Lakes by Susie McColgan, a selection of acrylic and oil paintings is on display now through August 2. Opening the following week will be an exhibition of fiber art by Susan Pack.

ARTS Roundtable/Artist Mixer

Brubaker reported that the ARTS Roundtable is scheduled for August 22 at the Mid-Michigan Children's Museum and will be followed by the Artist Mixer in the Andersen Center garden that same day beginning at 7 p.m. The program will be spoken word featuring three diverse poets.

Saginaw Celebrates Summer

Braun reported that Saginaw Celebrates Summer is well underway with almost all 19,000 calendars having been distributed and the WNEM TV5 weekly appearances going well. Weekly and individual event updates appear on social media and are announced daily on WSGW. On air radio interviews and additional print/media advertising are scheduled as well.



Youth Outreach

Broun announced that summer programming will include the Saginaw Art Museum's Pergola Projects during Museum Tunes, Saginaw Choral Society's Root Beer Choir at the Saginaw Zoo, First Ward Community Center summer camp, Friday Night Live art table, and art classes at the Neighb and Boys & Girls Club.

Chair Report

Chair Rasmussen thanked Commissioner Burris Smith for his guidance and many years of service to the commission and that we look forward to his continuing support as a program volunteer. He asked commissioners to get "plugged in" to summer, check the Saginaw Celebrates Calendar, see what's going on in your community and beyond, and take advantage of the many activities, concerts and special events.

Director Report

Marsha Braun announced the upcoming schedule for the Jazz in the Garden Concert series and asked for gate volunteers. The commission's MACC FY24 OS application will be reviewed on July 18th and that Arts Projects and POD minigrant applications are due August 3, 2023. She also encouraged commissioners to take a walk through the garden as volunteers have been working diligently on upkeep of the roses and perennials.

Director of Community Engagement Report

Tom thanked everyone who attended and volunteered at the Art & Garden Festival on June 14th. The festival had record attendance of over 1,100. The food trucks, strawberry shortcake, and peony show were big hits.

Announcements

Buddy Guy Farewell Tour will be coming to the Temple Theatre as will the Guess Who in September.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m. Commissioner Coulliard moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Ruffin. Motion passed.

Recorded by:

Marsha Braun, Executive Director