



Call to Order/Roll Call:

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

Present: Craig Bell, Kathy Couillard, Sarge Harvey, William Keyes, Thor Rasmussen, Pat Shelley, Burris Smith, Les Tincknell, Joe Turner

Excused: Sonia Lopez Burklund, Stephanie Domina, William Ewald, Kristin Karwat, Thelma Ruffin, Suzanne Skrelunas

Absent: Indigo Dudley, Kujuanna Ray

Staff Present: Marsha Braun, Tom Brubaker

Approval of Minutes

Joe Turner moved to approve the April 2023 minutes. Sarge Harvey seconded. Motion passed.

Financial Report

Treasurer Tincknell reported that the commission's finances are in line to finish the year on par and noted that last month showed additional income and expenses for the All Area Arts Awards. Employee expenses, Artifacts printing and operating costs are consistent. Bill Keyes moved to accept the April treasurers report. Joe Turner seconded. Motion passed.

Nominating

Committee chair Kathy Couillard reported that there are seven commissioners with terms expiring June 30th and that we anticipate having one open position to fill.

All Area Arts Awards

Tom Brubaker reported that this year's All Area Arts Awards was a success with approximately 175 in attendance to enjoy the evening and celebrate the nominees and winners. He congratulated Thelma and Les for their years of service to the commission and noted they were recognized during the event. Brubaker and commissioners all felt the Dow Event Center catering staff had done a wonderful job with food presentation and that all in attendance enjoyed the for casual format for socializing.

ARTS Roundtable

Brubaker reported that the ARTS Roundtable was held at the State Theatre in Bay City this past Monday. Mike Bacigalupo gave a history of theatre and update of summer events at theatre and in downtown Bay City. Next roundtable meeting is scheduled for August 22 at the Mid-Michigan Children's Museum.

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. Tom also noted that Susie will be a vendor at the upcoming Art & Garden Festival.



Saginaw Celebrates Summer

Braun reported that HSC has confirmed as presenting sponsor for Saginaw Celebrates Summer 2023, and that Jolt Credit Union has confirmed for 2023 as well. Calendar is at the printer and will deliver prior to June 1. Plan is being developed for social media and WNEM TV5 weekly appearances with summer event highlights and updates will begin June 2nd.

Chair Report

Chair Rasmussen asked commissioners to turn on their “art radar” while travelling this summer and to transport ideas back home, even if it is just a nugget it could become something big. Also use the Saginaw Celebrates Summer calendar as a guide to things and do in the city this summer. Thor thanked the staff for their hard work in making the All Area Arts Awards a success.

Director Report

Marsha Braun reported that the FY24 MACC OS grant will be submitted no later than June 1. She also announced that spring membership campaign letters will be going out in June and to please send her names of individuals and businesses that should be included in the mailing.

Director of Community Engagement Report

Tom announced that the Art & Garden Festival will be held on June 14th from 10 am – 3 pm and that we are looking for volunteers to work at the commission table. The day will include a peony show, art and garden vendors, lectures, food trucks and more.

Announcements

Jazz on Jefferson, June 7; Lawn Chair Film Festival begins July 9th with Bend it Like Beckham; Museum Tunes, May 30 at 7 pm and new this year will have pergola art projects for kids during concerts. Commissioner Turner shared a conversation with a couple from NJ who had relocated to the Midland area and how impressed they were with the depth of cultural offerings in the region.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m. Commissioner Shelley moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion passed.

Recorded by:

Marsha Braun, Executive Director