

SAGINAW ARTS & ENRICHMENT COMMISSION
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November 16, 2022
Minutes



Call to Order/Roll Call:

Chair Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Craig Bell, Sonia Burkland, Kathy Couillard, Stephanie Domina, Indigo Dudley, Sarge Harvey, Kristin Karwat, Thor Rasmussen, Thelma Ruffin, Pat Shelley, Suzanne Skrelunas, Les Tincknell, Joe Turner

Excused: William Ewald, William Keys, Burris Smith

Absent: Kujanna Ray

Staff Present: Marsha Braun, Tom Brubaker

Approval of Minutes

Pat Shelley moved to approve the September and October 2022 minutes. Joe Turner seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Les Tincknell reported income of \$8,443.15 and expenses of \$1,861.61 for the month of September and October income of \$3,180.20 and expenses of \$15,055.79. He noted that the commission continues to see strong foundation and membership support across both months, grant payments and employee costs accounted for bulk of expenses. Stephanie Domina moved to accept the September and October treasurer's report. Joe Turner seconded. Motion passed.

Nominating

No vacancies at this time.

MACC Minigrant Program

Marsha Braun reported that there is only one FY22 grant to be wrapped up and final payment made. Regional Regranting final report due November 30, 2022. FY23 grantees will receive first payment funding for projects and professional development late November. FY23 applications are now being accepted for Art Equipment & Supplies and Bus minigrants for K-12 schools, due January 15, 2023.

Youth Outreach

Marsha Braun reported that there is a plan in place for youth outreach in the coming year. Will include art classes and music classes, in school cultural experiences and assemblies, January student art show, and additional support for youth programming throughout the year.

Art @ the Andersen

Brubaker reported that it has been a pleasure to work with Lark Allen on the new exhibition, "*The Masks of the African Diaspora*" featuring a collection mixed media and found object masks. This exhibition is on display now through January 23, 2023.



Hollyday Art Mart

Tom Brubaker reported that the Hollyday Art Mart is right around the corner on Wednesday, November 30 at Andersen Enrichment Center with extended hours from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. to accommodate after work shoppers. The day will include 21 artists' booths, fresh holly sale, a "Christmas Café", Bake Shoppe, holiday music from 3 – 6 p.m. and a silent auction. Still seeking cookie bakers and silent auction items.

Chair Report

Rasmussen reminded Commissioners that they can actively participate in the arts during the holiday season by attending events and volunteering. He is appreciative of the commissioner efforts to empower artists and arts organizations, keeping the arts moving forward in our community.

Strategic planning session to review and modify the existing plan in order to keep the commission moving forward will take place at Andersen Enrichment Center on Tuesday, December 13 at 4 p.m. Director Braun will send existing plan to commissioner.

Director Report

Nothing additional to report.

Marketing Director Report

Brubaker announced that Huntington Bank will be the presenting sponsor for the 2023 *Celebrating Saginaw's Cultures* student art show which will open January 16th.

Holidays in the Heart of the City would take place November 18 and 19 with the cookie houses at Andersen Center. The parade and Girls on the Run Reindeer Run will end at Andersen Center on Saturday.

Announcements

Indigo Dudley announced that "Noel" will be presented at the Temple on December 9th and that Arthur Hill High School has a holiday event in December. Rasmussen added that the Temple Theatre has seven holiday events from now through December. Braun added that the Saginaw Choral Society, Saginaw Bay Symphony Orchestra, Castle Museum, and Pit and Balcony have holiday offerings as well.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m. Commissioner Bell moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Turner. Motion passed.

Recorded by:
Marsha Braun, Executive Director