

SAGINAW ARTS & ENRICHMENT COMMISSION
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May 18, 2022
Minutes



Call to Order/Roll Call:

Vice Chair Turner called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

Present: Craig Bell, Indigo Dudley, Sarge Harvey, William Keys, Thelma Ruffin, Sonia Severin, Pat Shelley, Joe Turner

Excused: Kathy Couillard, William Ewald, Thor Rasmussen, Suzanne Skrelunas, Burris Smith

Absent: Stephanie Domina, Kristin Karwat, Kujuanna Ray, Les Tincknell

Staff Present:, Mandy Borsenik, Marsha Braun, Nancy Koepke

Approval of Minutes

Pat Shelley moved to approve the April 2022 minutes. Thelma Ruffin seconded. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report

Nancy Koepke reported income of \$3,472.09 and expenses of \$8,075.75 for the month of April. Craig Bell moved to accept the treasurer's report. Sarge Harvey seconded. Motion approved. The report was received and filed.

Youth Outreach

Nancy Koepke reported that we will be offering art classes at the Boys and Girls Club and First Ward Community Center this summer. Marsha added that we are sending Drummunity to Handley School for an all day program.

MACC Minigrant Program

Marsha reported that final reports for FY22 are coming in and final payments are going out. She explained that she is promoting the FY23 programs and applications are due August 3rd. We will grant \$59,000 this year.

Art & the Andersen

Mandy Borsenik announced that the exhibit, *Places and Familiar Faces! Portraits and Abstracts by Lester White* came down on May 11. It was a very successful show and a meet & greet for the artist was held on Thursday, April 7 and was very successful. The new exhibit opened on May 11 and features photography by Debra Huntley. The show is entitled *Pixels in Spacetime*.

All Area Arts Awards

Mandy announced that Arts Awards will be held on Thursday, June 9th at the Saginaw Art Museum. Sponsor letters, nomination forms and invitations all have gone out. The entertainment will be Vortex Jazz and Blues Band and the caterer is Dietrich Bronner from Venture Catering. Volunteers from the Saginaw Choral Society will serve as bartenders. The awards committee will meet on May 19th to choose four winners.

Saginaw Celebrates Summer

Marsha Braun announced that she is working on the events calendar and 22,000 calendars will be printed. 8,000 will go into the Sunday Saginaw News and the others are distributed at a variety of locations around town. Small grants will go out.

Chair Report

Thor Rasmussen reported that he had created an online survey to get feedback from the community as to what people are wanting and needing regarding arts and cultural opportunities. He also reported that he has completed a year-long Rising Leaders program which was offered by the Michigan Arts and Culture Council.

Artreach Grants

Marsha announced that the Artreach committee has made their decisions on grants for this year: Andersen Center Jazz in the Garden-\$3,500; Frankenmuth Arts Council Fire Arts Festival-\$1,100; Frankenmuth Farmers Market After Dark-\$1,400; Friends of Theodore Roethke Language Arts Review-\$1,500; Historical Society of Saginaw Jazz on Jefferson - \$1,400; Japanese Cultural Center-\$1,500; Major Chords for Minors-\$1,700; Pit& Balcony Sweat-\$2,100; PRIDE Friday Night Live-\$1,750; PRIDE Holidays in the Heart of the City-\$1,250; Riverside Film Festival-\$1,000;Saginaw African Cultural Festival-\$2,900; Saginaw Area Concert Band Concert Series-\$1,200; Saginaw Arts Commission Student Art Exhibit-\$1,061. Thelma moved to accept the Artreach committee grant recommendations. Sonia Severin seconded. Motion approved.

Chair Report

Vice Chair Joe Turner suggested that people start using masks again due to increase in Covid numbers.

Director Report

Nancy Koepke reported she is working on grants to the state. The Regional Regranting application was submitted and the operational grants will be submitted next week.

Announcements

Sarge Harvey announced that the grand opening of the new Garber Courts will be held on June 10th from 1-4 and will feature speakers, tennis pros and other events. He thanked Ken LeCureux and Pharrington Douglas for making the dream a reality.

Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Keys and seconded by Commissioner Shelley to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved.

Recorded by,
Nancy Koepke, Director