

SAGINAW ARTS & ENRICHMENT COMMISSION
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June 22, 2022
Minutes



Call to Order/Roll Call:

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

Present: Kathy Couillard, Stephanie Domina, Indigo Dudley, Kristin Karwat, William Keys, Thor Rasmussen, Thelma Ruffin, Suzanne Skrelunas, Sonia Severin, Pat Shelley, Burris Smith, Les Tincknell, Joe Turner

Excused: Craig Bell, William Ewald, Sarge Harvey, Kujuanna Ray

Staff Present: Marsha Braun, Nancy Koepke

Approval of Minutes

Les Tincknell moved to approve the May 2022 minutes. Pat Shelley seconded. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Les Tincknell reported income of \$7,502.75 and expenses of \$24,550.89 for the month of May. Burris Smith moved to accept the treasurer's report. Stephanie Domina seconded. Motion approved. Treasurer reviewed 2022-2023 budget for \$210,550, noting the increase in employee costs for Marsha Braun's wage increase as Executive Director effective July 1st. Les Tincknell moved to accept the 2022-2023 Budget. Cathy Couillard seconded. Motion approved. The report was received and filed.

Nominating

No vacancies at this time.

Youth Outreach

Nancy Koepke reported that we are providing art classes at the Boys and Girls Club. We also met with the program coordinator, Fred, at First Ward and will provide en plein air classes for youth for four Wednesdays beginning June 29th.

MACC Minigrant Program

Marsha reported that she is promoting the FY23 programs and applications are due August 3rd. She will hold a grant workshop on June 29th and will have drop-in office hours July 14th. We will regrant \$59,000 this year.

Artist Mixer

Indigo Dudley announced there would be a fall mixer and would like to explore different options for upcoming mixers including an improv night, SVSU Gallery visit and others.

Art & the Andersen

Marsha Braun reported the new exhibit opened on May 11 and features travelogue photography by Debra Huntley who is Provost at SVSU. Her photos of scenes from

around the world are named by their geographic coordinates of latitude and longitude. The show is entitled *Pixels in Spacetime*.

All Area Arts Awards

Marsha Braun reported that the annual Arts Awards event was held on June 9th at the Saginaw Art Museum. Four deserving winners included Suzanne Mason, Public Libraries of Saginaw, Larry Rodarte, and Valerie Allen. Marsha explained that there were problems with the caterer and with sponsor tables being used by others. Those issues will be corrected for next year.

Saginaw Celebrates Summer

Marsha Braun announced that 25,000 calendars have been printed. 8,000 went into the Sunday Saginaw News and the others were distributed at a variety of locations in Saginaw and the surrounding areas. Minigrants will be awarded to 16 organizations holding summer events.

Chair Report

Thor Rasmussen reminded Commissioners that the Arts Commission is about empowering artists and arts organizations in our community. He urged everyone to be empowering this summer and to help make Saginaw enriching and vibrant.

Thor also explained that we need several motions to address the staff changes with the Arts Commission.

Thor moved to accept the resignation for the retirement of Nancy Koepke with great gratitude. Joe Turner seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Pat Shelley moved to approve Marsha Braun as the new Executive Director of the Arts Commission beginning July 1st. Thelma Ruffin seconded. Motion approved.

William Keys moved to hire Tom Brubaker effective July 1st as the new Marketing Director. Sonia Burklund seconded. Motion approved.

Director Report

Nancy Koepke confirmed that she would be retiring the end of June. She explained that the Commission has been her passion and life for the past thirty years and thanked everyone for their support and friendship.

Announcements

Pat Shelley announced that the Lawn Chair Film Festival is underway and upcoming movies include *Is Paris Burning*, *Independence Day*, *Monsters, Inc* and other favorites.

Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Domina and seconded by Commissioner Karwat to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved.

Recorded by:

Nancy Koepke, Director