



**Call to Order/Roll Call:**

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

Present: Craig Bell, Kathy Couillard, Sarge Harvey, Thor Rasmussen, Thelma Ruffin, Pat Shelley, Suzanne Skrelunas, Burris Smith, Les Tincknell, Joe Turner

Excused: William Ewald, Sonia Burkland

Absent: Stephanie Domina, Indigo Dudley, Kristin Karwat, William Keys, Kujuanna Ray

Staff Present: Marsha Braun, Tom Brubaker

**Approval of Minutes**

Burris Smith moved to approve the June 2022 minutes. Craig Bell seconded. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Les Tincknell reported income of \$21,554.15 and expenses of \$18,397.05 for the month of August and noted that the commission continues to see strong foundation and membership support. Staff was complemented on doing an excellent job tracking income and expenses throughout the year, keeping both in line with the budget. Joe Turner moved to accept the treasurer's report. Sarge Harvey seconded. Motion passed.

**Nominating**

Kathy Couillard presented the slate of officers to serve for 2022-2023. The slate includes: Thor Rasmussen as Chair, Joe Turner as Vice Chair, Sonia Burkland as Secretary and Les Tincknell as Treasurer. Burris Smith moved to accept the slate of officers for 2022-2023, Pat Shelley seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Youth Outreach**

Marsha Braun reported that we continue to provide art classes at the Boys and Girls Club and that program planning as begun for the upcoming year which will include a variety of art experiences for youth.

**MACC Minigrant Program**

Braun reported that FY23 Michigan Arts & Culture Council Region 5 Minigrant funding has been announced. We had a total of 19 Arts Projects applications for \$72,500 in requests with \$44,500 being awarded, and 14 POD applications for a total of \$19,427 in requests with \$11,000 being awarded. FY23 applications are now being accepted for Art Equipment & Supplies and Bus minigrants for K-12 schools, due January 3, 2023. Follow up and submission of FY22 final reports continues through October.



### **Art @ the Andersen**

Brubaker reported that *Legacy of an Artist: Jean Beach 1919 - 2019* will be on display through October 14 as part of Art @ the Andersen. Original works by Jean Beach are for sale with all proceeds going to arts commission programming. He continued to report that planning for shows in 2023 is underway.

### **Art @ the Andersen Fall Show**

Brubaker also reported that the Art @ the Andersen Fall Show, *Fall Fling* by members of the Saginaw Area Watermedia Artists, opens Tuesday, October 4 and runs through October 13. Artist Reception on October 4 from 5 - 7 p.m. to meet and greet SAWA artists is open to the public free of charge.

### **Artist Mixer**

Tom Brubaker reported that the next Artist Mixer will be held Tuesday, October 13, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Andersen Enrichment Center to view the SAWA Fall Show and Jean Beach exhibition. Tom Trombley from the Castle Museum will be the guest speaker.

### **Saginaw Celebrates Summer**

Marsha Braun announced that Saginaw Celebrates Summer concluded on August 31 promoting over 170 events during the three month celebration. Final report and request for funding for 2023 will be submitted to HSC in October. She thanked HSC and the other sponsors for their tremendous support.

### **Hollyday Art Mart**

Tom Brubaker reported that planning is well under for this year's Hollyday Art Mart which will be held on Wednesday, November 30 at Andersen Enrichment Center with extended hours from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. to accommodate after work shoppers. This year's Art Mart will include artists' booths, holly sale, a "Christmas Café", bake shoppe, and a silent auction. Currently seeking sponsor support at all levels.

### **Chair Report**

Rasmussen reminded Commissioners that the Arts Commission is about empowering artists and arts organizations in our community. He was appreciative for the team and their efforts to keep the commission in the forefront of the arts community through their work with the MACC minigrant program and the commission's programming. He commented that nothing happens in isolation, we need to work together to inspire and empower creatives, making Saginaw an enriching and vibrant community.

### **Director Report**

Braun welcomed Tom Brubaker to commission staff and stated that she was looking forward to working with Tom on internal planning and upcoming programming.



### **Announcements**

Pat Shelley announced that the Rotary Club of Saginaw is looking at refurbishing the Crayola Park as a possible club project and that last weekend had many great events taking place in the city: Touch a Truck at Children's Museum, Positive Results Downtown Harvest Table, Japan Festival.

Joe Turner is teaching Tia Chi at the Splash Park Pavilion on Wednesday and Friday. South end of the River Trail is complete and is a great to walk and ride bikes.

Thor Rasmussen talked about ideas for making the city more walkable with creative discussion following.

Tom Brubaker announced that Holidays in the Heart of the City would take place November 18 and 19 with the cookie houses at Andersen Center. Downtown businesses will be lighting and decorating for the holidays as part of a Positive Results Downtown initiative.

### **New Business**

Chair Rasmussen announced that the commission will look to begin strategic planning this fall now that new staff is in place.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Commissioner Shelley moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Turner. Motion passed.

Recorded by:  
Marsha Braun, Executive Director