



Call to Order/Roll Call:

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

Present: Craig Bell, Ben Champagne, Kathy Couillard, Bob Gilmour, Sarge Harvey, Kristin Karwat, William Keyes, Theresa Lister, Thor Rasmussen, Thelma Ruffin, Karly Schmidt, Pat Shelley, Joe Turner

Excused: Sonia Burklund, William Ewald, Suzanne Skrelunas

Absent: Indigo Dudley

Staff Present: Marsha Braun

Approval of Minutes

Craig Bell moved to approve the March 2024 minutes. Joe Turner seconded. Motion passed.

ArtReach Grant

Pat Shelley moved to approve the funding of thirteen 2024-2025 ArtReach grant applications for a total of \$29,700. Joe Turner seconded. Motion passed. Grant awards will be announced at the All Area Arts Awards.

Treasurer's Report

March 2024 treasurer's report was presented by Commissioner Bell. He noted that the income gap in Arts Awards revenue is a result of fewer sponsorships and some at a lower level than in previous years. Sarge Harvey moved to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Bill Keys. Motion passed.

Saginaw Celebrates Summer

The 2024 event calendar is currently in production and will be published two weeks early to coincide with the Memorial Cup.

Art @ the Andersen

Celebrating Women! Portraiture by Kathy Morley will be on display through May 3, 2024 as part of Art @ the Andersen. *Women Behind the Lens* will open May 9.

All Area Arts Awards

The 34th Annual Awards will be held at the Dow Event Center Red Room. If you haven't already made your reservations, please do so. Tickets are \$45 per person. Sponsorships at all levels are still available.

Chair Report

Chair Rasmussen thanked the commissioners for their support of arts and culture in our community and reminded all to spread the word by telling new people about the wonderful cultural opportunities there are to enjoy in Saginaw and beyond.

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Minutes



Director Report

The Michigan Arts and Culture Council new grant portfolio will be released May 1, applications for all grants will be due by July 24, 5 p.m. Huntington Bank grant application is in the works.

New Business

Director Braun reported that interviews for the commission's marketing position have been ongoing. Braun recommends hiring Demetrios Scott as the new Marketing Manager. Scott is a graduate of Albion College with an MBA from Northwood University. He is extremely active in the community, has a passion for the arts, looks forward to developing donor relationships, and filling a pivotal role in activation of commission programming. Thor Rasmussen moved to hire Demetrios Scott as Marketing Manager at \$17 per hour, not to exceed 28 hours per week. Seconded by Bob Gilmour. Motion passed.

Announcements

Theresa Lister announced there would be city wide clean days on May 11 and May 17. All are welcome to participate and help beautify our city, Theresa has additional information is interested in helping. Commissioner Champagne announced that the Saginaw Art Museum will be opening a new black box video gallery. Joe Tuner is teaching free Tai Chi at the Saginaw Art Museum on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. and will begin classes in the park when the weather warms up. The Friends of Theodore Roethke will host a weekend workshop series at the Montague Inn May 3 – 5.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m. Commissioner Harvey moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Turner. Motion passed.

Recorded by:
Marsha Braun, Executive Director