

SAGINAW ARTS & ENRICHMENT COMMISSION
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September 18, 2024
Minutes



Call to Order/Roll Call:

Chair Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 4:05p.m.

Present: Craig Bell, Sonia Burklund, Ben Champagne, Kathy Couillard, Sarge Harvey, Kristin Karwat, Theresa Lister, Thor Rasmussen, Thelma Ruffin, Joe Turner

Excused: Stephanie Domina, William Ewald, Bob Gilmour, Vee Murugan, Karly Schmidt, Pat Shelley

Absent: William Keyes

Staff Present: Marsha Braun, Demetrios Scott

Approval of Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

June, July and August 2024 treasurer's reports were presented by Craig Bell. Director Braun gave a more detailed explanation of the "Foundation" revenue line item and an update on efforts to secure additional funding for the upcoming year. Kristin Karwat moved to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Ben Champagne. Motion passed.

Nominating

Kathy Couillard presented the slate of officers to serve for 2024-2025. The slate includes: Thor Rasmussen as Chair, Joe Turner as Vice Chair, Sarge Harvey as Secretary and Craig Bell as Treasurer. Theresa Lister moved to accept the slate of officers for 2024-2025, seconded by Kathy Couillard. Motion passed.

Chair, Couillard welcomed two new commissioners, Stephanie Domina and Vee Murugan. At this time the commission is full and has no openings.

Michigan Arts and Culture Council

The Michigan Arts and Culture Council "Experience" grant application awards will be announced September 20.

Art @ the Andersen

Demetrios Scott announced that *Accumulated Thoughts: by Valerie Allen* is on display now through November 8. The Fall Art Show, *Magic in Life* featuring works by the Saginaw Area Watermedia Artists will be on display October 8 – 17. Opening reception Tuesday, October 8, 5 – 7 p.m.

Saginaw Celebrates Summer

Saginaw Celebrates Summer has wrapped up, we are very appreciative of the support from HSC, WNEM TV5, WSGW, Jolt Credit Union, and Jeff Carpenter Designs. A final report and a 2025 request for funding will be submitted early October.



ARTS Roundtable

First meeting of year will be a tour and networking at the Saginaw Children's Zoo, September 24, 10 a.m. Opportunity is open to all arts directors and managers.

Hollyday Art Mart

Will take place on Wednesday, December 4th, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Requests are being sent to sponsors who participated last year, we are looking for new sponsors as well. 14 vendors are confirmed, and we are looking for cookie bakers, event volunteers, and donations for our silent auction.

Chair Report

Chair Rasmussen welcomed the new commissioners and asked all to share their knowledge of the commission and arts with our new commissioners. He thanked everyone for their support of commission programming and the arts and cultural community.

Director Report

Director Braun announced the new Scott J. Seeburger Young Artist Award, a \$1,000 annual grant award for a young artist age 17 – 30. Endowment held at the Saginaw Community Foundation, award coordinated by SAEC and presented at the All Area Arts Awards. Braun also reviewed the 2024-2025 SAEC committees and gave an update regarding grants for building improvements.

Marketing Manager

Excited to have Valerie Allen present a workshop at a spring artist mixer. This workshop will be open to all and free of charge.

Announcements

Saginaw Choral Society will perform a boutique concert in the Andersen Garden on September 17. The Temple Theatre has a big month coming up with YoYo Ma, Steve Martin and Martin Short, two comedians, Led Zeppelin tribute concert, movies and more. Saginaw Bay Symphony Orchestra and the Saginaw Choral Society will be performing concerts there as well. Tommy Two Tones recorded a music video at the Saginaw Silos.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m. Commissioner Turner moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Champagne. Motion passed.

Recorded by:
Marsha Braun, Executive Director