

SAGINAW ARTS & ENRICHMENT COMMISSION
120 Ezra Rust Dr
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February 19, 2025
Minutes



Call to Order/Roll Call:

Chair Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 4:12 p.m.

Present: Craig Bell, Sonia Burklund, Bob Gilmour, Sarge Harvey, Kristin Karwat, Bill Keys, Theresa Lister, Thor Rasmussen, Thelma Ruffin, Karly Schmidt, Joe Turner
Excused: Ben Champagne, Kathy Couillard, Stephanie Domina, William Ewald, Vee Murugan, Pat Shelley, Marsha Braun
Staff Present: Demetrios Scott

Approval of Minutes

Craig Bell moved to approve the January 15, 2025 minutes. Joe Turner seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

General discussion of the January 2025 treasurer's report was followed by question of where the funds from the Elizabeth Bennett bequest were being held. Kristin Karwat moved to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Thelma Ruffin. Motion passed.

Art @ the Andersen

Emerging Artists: SASA High School Students on display now until the end of February. Over 30 people attended the after-hours opening. *Wilderness Close to Home: Nature Photography* by Erin Wortley will be on display March 5 – May 9.

All Area Arts Awards

Awards ceremony will take place on Wednesday, May 7th at the Dow Event Center. Nominations may be submitted online at ArtSaginaw.org and are due March 31st. The Seeburger Young Artist Award, application form will be available on ArtSaginaw.org, deadline to apply is March 31st. I continue to seek sponsorships at all levels, stay tuned for more event details and volunteer opportunities.

Artist Mixer

First one of this year is with Valerie Allen, she will lead the "Just Paint Experience". A free event but registration required, check our Facebook page for registration link.

Art Roundtable

In process of organizing a Legislative Arts Roundtable for April 7, 10 a.m. at Andersen Center. This meeting is about introducing ourselves, networking and spreading the message about how important Art is to our community and the state.

Saginaw Celebrates Summer

Request for funding for 2025 has been submitted to HSC.

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ArtReach Grant

Applications for 2025-2026 are due to SAEC February 28, 2025. Awards will be announced at the May 7th All Area Arts Awards.

Chair Report

Thor Rasmussen offered comments as chairperson and asked if there was any new business or announcements.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m. Commissioner Karwat moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Harvey. Motion passed.

Recorded by:
Joe Turner, Vice Chairman