

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



Call to Order/Roll Call:

Chair Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

Present: Craig Bell, Kathy Couillard, Stephanie Domina, Bob Gilmour, Sarge Harvey, Kristin Karwat, Bill Keys, Theresa Lister, Thor Rasmussen, Thelma Ruffin, Pat Shelley, Joe Turner

Excused: Sonia Burklund, Ben Champagne, William Ewald, Vee Murugan, Karly Schmidt

Staff Present: Marsha Braun, Demetrios Scott

Approval of Minutes

Thelma Ruffin moved to approve the February 19, 2025 minutes. Joe Turner seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Craig Bell reviewed the February 2025 treasurer's report, noting that all was in order and that year is progressing as expected. Kristin Karwat moved to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Kathy Couillard. Motion passed.

Finance Committee Report

Finance committee met prior to commission meeting to discuss the investment of funds received from the Elizabeth Bennett bequest. The committee recommended that \$46,000 be invested in a six month CD and to review financial needs of the commission prior to CD renewal. Joe Turner moved to invest \$46,000 in a six month CD. Theresa Lister seconded. Motion passed.

Art @ the Andersen

Wilderness Close to Home: Nature Photography by Erin Wortley will be on display through 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 deadline to apply is March 31st. We continue to seek sponsorships at all levels. Drumline will return as our Call to Celebrate and Courtinuum will provide music during the reception.

Artist Mixer

First one of this year is with Valerie Allen, she will lead the "Just Paint Experience". A free event and space is still available, come join us for painting fun.

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Art Roundtable

Legislative Arts Roundtable will take place April 7, 10 a.m. at Andersen Center. Introduction, networking and spreading the message about the importance of the arts.

Saginaw Celebrates Summer

HSC has committed to funding the 2025 program. Currently working on securing additional sponsors and gathering events for calendar. Please forward any events you think should be included.

ArtReach Grant

Fifteen ArtReach applications for 2025-2026 have been received. Committee will meet to review and make awards on April 3. Awards will be announced at the May 7th All Area Arts Awards.

Chair Report

Thor Rasmussen offered that with the uncertainty at world levels, that art and arts activities will continue to enrich our lives and allow us to move forward with resilience. He asked if there was any new business or announcements.

Announcements

“Routes” an exhibition by Thor Rassumen is currently on display at the YMCA. By mapping his marathon training routes, he created intricate designs — birds, lizards, faces — transforming the act of running into a form of large-scale, city-wide drawings.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

Recorded by:
Marsha Braun, Director