

SAGINAW ARTS & ENRICHMENT COMMISSION
120 Ezra Rust Dr
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May 21, 2025
Minutes



Call to Order/Roll Call:

Chair Thor Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Present: Craig Bell, Ben Champagne, Kathy Couillard, Stephanie Domina, Bob Gilmour, Sarge Harvey, Bill Keys, Theresa Lister, Vee Murugan, Thor Rasmussen, Thelma Ruffin

Excused: Sonia Burklund, William Ewald, Pat Shelley

Absent: Kristin Karwat, Karly Schmidt, Joe Turner

Staff Present: Marsha Braun, Demetrios Scott

Approval of Minutes

Craig Bell moved to approve the April 16, 2025 minutes. Bob Gilmour seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bell reviewed the April 2025 treasurer's report, noting nothing unusual for the month. Director Braun noted there would be additional income and expenses posted on the May report for the All Area Arts Awards. Stephanie Domina moved to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Ben Champagne. Motion passed.

All Area Arts Awards

Thank you to everyone who attended and/or sponsored the 35th Annual All Area Arts Awards, we truly appreciate your support of the event. The group enjoyed music by Courtinuum and the Call to Celebrate by Saginaw United High School Drumline. The Dow Event Center catering staff did an excellent job with the food and Chet Davis of WNEM TV5 served as emcee. Waiting on a few more invoices and reservation payments before a final accounting will be available. Thor Rasmussen added that he thought the Seeburger Young Artist Award was a perfect fit for the event and that he really enjoyed seeing the recipient's artwork and meeting her.

Art @ the Andersen

Capturing the Soul by Jody McDonald Rider is now open and runs through early July 14th. Marcella Hadden, photographs of indigenous women will open on July 16.

Art Roundtable

Next Arts Roundtable is scheduled for June 25th at Oracle Brewery at 4:30pm. October we will kick off the 25-26 Arts Roundtable season at Bayne's in Freeland.

Saginaw Celebrates Summer

The summer events calendar is currently on press and will deliver early the week of May 26, distribution will begin immediately.

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Michigan Arts and Culture Council

April Partners meeting was held on a city holiday so staff was unable to attend the virtual meeting, waiting for notification of next meeting. We are working on securing updated tech and other building items as outlined in our capital improvement grant and are looking for a professional development opportunity as well.

Chair Report

Thor asked the group to consider two things as summer approaches. 1) If they travel outside the area look for new ideas and bring them back and 2) take advantage of our local summer programming, such as concerts at the Andersen Center, programs at the Saginaw Art Museum, Friday Night Live and the many others.

Directors Report

Marsha announced that the Art & Garden Festival will take place on Wednesday, June 11th from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. We will need volunteers to staff the commission table: 2 – 3 people from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 2 – 3 people from noon to 3 p.m.

Announcements

Carol Harris exhibition opens at the Saginaw Art Museum on June 3, Jeff Foxworthy will be at the Temple Theatre on June 20, and Museum Tunes with the Midland Area Jazz Band on June 1. The latest Art & About Sculpture will be unveiled along the river front in the next couple of weeks.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss Theresa Lister moved to adjourn to the meeting, seconded by Ben Champagne, meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Recorded by:
Marsha Braun, Director