

SAGINAW ARTS & ENRICHMENT COMMISSION
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November 20, 2024
Minutes



Call to Order/Roll Call:

Chair Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

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

Excused: William Ewald, Kristin Karwat

Absent: Karly Schmidt

Staff Present: Marsha Braun, Demetrios Scott

Approval of Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

October 2024 treasurer's report was presented by treasurer Bell. He noted that everything was straight forward, no unusual income or expenses for the month. Expect to see additional Hollyday income and expenses in November and December.

Stephanie Domina moved to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Bill Keys. Motion passed.

Michigan Arts and Culture Council

Final reports from all RR grantees have been received and final grant payments made. The Regional Regranting final report is due November 30th, this will complete our obligation as a MACC Regional Regranter. Our responsibilities as a MACC partner began October 1, 2024 and will continue through September 30, 2025.

Art @ the Andersen

A New Horizon, Mixed Media by Dakota Rocha opened November 14th and will run through January 30th. Looking for an artist for July – September of 2025, and another artist for late November – January 16, 2026.

Hollyday Art Mart

Wednesday, December 4, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. We have five major sponsors and are still accepting sponsorships, cookie donations, and would love additional auction. Also looking for additional volunteers to help the day of the event. Starbucks on State St will donate coffee and holiday cups for the Christmas Café, we will have baked goods from Bayne's Apple Valley, plated cookies for sale in the Bake Shoppe, fresh holly for sale, and a silent auction. Marsha and I will be doing a morning interview on WNEM TV5 and will also do interviews with WHNN and WSGW in the coming weeks.



Arts Roundtable

Next meeting will take place on January 21, 2025 at the Castle Museum location 500 Federal Ave, Saginaw, MI 48607 from 10am – 11am.

Youth and Community Enrichment

Art classes at First Ward Community Center are underway and there will be an All Music is Power assembly the Millet Center on December 19 at 9:30 a.m..

Chair Report

With the upcoming holiday, Chair Rasmussen suggested “art” for your loved ones who have everything. Memberships, tickets to shows, and classes, he encouraged everyone to give the gift of art and connect with our cultural community.

Director Report

Director Braun announced the January Celebrating Saginaw’s Cultures student art show has been cancelled for 2025. Planning for a show in 2026 will continue.

Announcements

Theresa Lister announced that the Board of Review is looking for new members, contact the City Clerk if interested. Saginaw Art Museum and Temple Theatre have many upcoming events, including: “Shape, Form and Color” gallery talk by Commissioner Ben Champagne, Bruce Winslow exhibition, pottery classes, Tai Chi classes with Commissioner Joe Turner, The Nutcracker and more.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m. Commissioner Harvey moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Ruffin. Motion passed.

Recorded by:
Marsha Braun, Executive Director