

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MUSCATINE ART CENTER
January 19, 2020**

Present: Jim Burr, Marci Stephens, Jon Moravec, Susan Freers, Sara Fitzer-Huston, Brian Walter and Aarzo Baharani by phone

Absent: Kelly Rushford and Mark Latta,

Staff: Melanie Alexander

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Burr at 5:30 PM

Visitors:

Minutes: Minutes of December 19, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees were reviewed and discussed. Moved/seconded (Walter/Stephens) to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Bills and Credit Card Bills: Bills in the amount of \$1,619.61 were presented, reviewed, and discussed. Moved/seconded (Fitzer-Huston/Walter) to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Long-Range Planning:

Community engagement will meet at 4:30 PM on February 20th.

Building & Grounds:

There is a minor leak in the Stanley Gallery roof. The HVAC is mostly fixed.

Collections:

The Collections committee meeting is going to be moved to a date yet to be determined

There are two pieces of "Peach Blow" glass coming up for auction soon. We are interested in purchasing them.

There is a drawing by Barbara Fedeler, "Effigy Mounds – May" in the "Hard Won, Not Done" exhibition we are interested in purchasing.

The Art Center is also going to purchase a piece as a memorial for Cater Hare.

Finance & Budget:

The budget process is moving along. The City Budget meeting is scheduled at City Hall on Saturday, February 1, around 1:30-2:00 PM.

The Finance and Budget committee will meet on January 29th at noon.

Community Engagement:

Upcoming programs and classes include: Reception for Tara Moorman and Muscatine Launch for 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment on January 19th, Eagles and Ivories on January 25th & 26th, League of Women Voters Reception on January 28th, Muscatine – China Concert Musicians Tours on January 30th, Booked on Art on January 30th, National Inspire Your Heart with Art Day on January 31st, and “Hard Won, Not Done” Panel Discussion on February 9th. This list does not include Mini Masters, Red Barn Studio classes for adults, and DIY for adults.

The Program Coordinator is working with Nancy Foxen and the Jefferson Principal on a new project with Chuck Swanson and Hancher.

The Friends next big fundraiser in conjunction with the Till Death exhibition is June 6th. Staff, Committee and Friends are working on Sponsorship now.

Personnel:

Things are going along well with new staff.

Director’s Report:

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: The next Board meeting is February 20, 2020 at 5:30 PM.

Adjourn: Moved/seconded (Fitzer-Huston/Moravec) to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Fitzer- Huston
Secretary