

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MUSCATINE ART CENTER
February 20, 2020**

Present: Jim Burr, Kelly Rushford, Jon Moravec, Sara Fitzner-Huston, and Brian Walter.

Absent: Marci Stephens, Susan Freers, Aarzo Baharani, and Mark Latta,

Staff: Melanie Alexander

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Burr at 5:32 PM

Visitors:

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

Bills and Credit Card Bills: Bills in the amount of \$1,176.65 were presented, reviewed, and discussed. Moved/seconded (Fitzer-Huston/Walter) to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Credit Card bills in the amount of \$17.76 were presented, reviewed, and discussed. Moved/seconded (Fitzer-Huston/Rushford). Motion carried.

Credit Card bills in the amount of \$3,493.11 were presented, reviewed, and discussed. Moved/seconded (Walter/Rushford). Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Long-Range Planning:

Community engagement will met before tonight's board meeting. There will be a special planning meeting for the Board at 4:00 PM April 16, 2020.

Building & Grounds:

There is a minor leak in Lynn's office.

Collections:

There was discussion on the priorities mentioned in the Collections Assessment for Preservation Report. The minutes from the committee meeting were reviewed and are in the Board packet.

There are seventeen pieces from the Toye Collection they are ready to gift. There was a motion to accept the seventeen piece portion of the gift from the Toye family by Rushford. A second was made by Walter. Motion carried.

Finance & Budget:

The budget process went smoothly on February 1.

The Muscatine Art Center Support Foundation Advisory Committee met and the notes from the meeting are in the Board packets.

The grant reports for CAP and the Jacob Riis exhibition have finished and have been turned in.

Staff applied for Art Dollars through the Quad City Arts. The grant monies would be used for the summer camps and we should know more in March.

Community Engagement:

Upcoming programs and classes include: National Tell a Fairy Tale Day on February 26th, Creative Sessions: Bi-lingual Uniting through Words and Music on March 12th, National Children's Craft Day on March 14th, Spring Break Camps the week of March 16th, Reception for Art Array on March 19th, Panel Discussion for Eastern Iowa Women Artists on March 26th, Reception for Eastern Iowa Women Artists on April 5th, Booked on Art on April 9th, Trivia at Contrary on April 20th. Looking ahead, Red Cedar Chamber Music will have a concert on Sunday, May 3rd in the Music Room. This list does not include Mini Masters, Red Barn Studio classes for adults, and DIY for adults.

Three fundraisers are planned in connection with the "Till Death" exhibition. "For the Love of Art" will provide a guided tour preview of the exhibition on Sunday, May 31st. The main fundraiser is the event at Geneva on Saturday, June 6th. The exhibition closing event is an "Irish Wake" to be held at the Muscatine Art Center on Thursday, October 29th. Other activities are "History on Tap: Trivia Night at Contrary" on April 20th, the "Mama Bear and Me Tea" on Friday, May 8th, and the Annual Ice Cream Social on Sunday, June 28th.

We will be hosting the Iowa Museum Association Conference in 2022.

The annual letter went out with the spring class brochure and a survey.

Public Art Commission will sponsor and "IdeaDash" at a date to be announced soon. We would like to capture ideas from about 50 people.

Personnel:

Bartenhagen will be substituting for Melanie Alexander at the next Board meeting on March 19th.

There are Board members who will roll off soon and will need to be replaced.

Director's Report:

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: The next Board meeting is March 19, 2020 at 5:30 PM.

Adjourn: Moved/seconded (Rushford/Moravec) to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Fitzer- Huston
Secretary