

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MUSCATINE ART CENTER
July 16, 2020 Minutes**

Present: Jim Burr, Jon Moravec, Brian Walter. Marci Stephens, Laurie Johnson, Aarzoo Baharani by phone, Monica Halstead, Sara Fitzer-Huston and Mark Latta.

Absent:

Staff: Melanie Alexander

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

A motion was made by Stephens to approve the nominating committee's recommendation for officers for 2020-2021: Jim Burr, President; Brian Walter, Vice President; Jon Moravec, Treasurer; and Sara Fitzer-Huston, Secretary. Motion seconded by Walter. Motion carried.

Visitors: None present.

Minutes: Minutes of June 18, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees were reviewed and discussed. Moved/seconded (Latta/Moravec) to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Bills and Credit Card Bills: Bills in the amount of \$5,474.71 were presented, reviewed, and discussed. Moved/seconded (Walter/Fitzer Huston) to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried.

There were no credit cards for approval at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Long-Range Planning:

No report

Building & Grounds:

We hope to see a plan on the Japanese Garden in September

Collections:

Alexander and Cooper went to David Zahn's studio to view the sculpture. It will be here in the spring of 2021 and is in honor of Mary Jo Stanley.

Finance & Budget:

The Muscatine Art Center was awarded a \$10,000 Cultural Leadership Partner grant.

Community Engagement:

Kids Saturday Workshops returns to in-person on July 25th. Red Barn Studio with Vada Baker has met in-person a few times, and the next classes are scheduled for July 16th, August 13th, and August 20th.

The “Visiting Artists Summer Workshop for Kids” Series will take place in-person with an online option for those who want to participate from home. Instructors for the Summer Workshop are Heather Seibel, Nancy Foxen, and Mary Alice Sessler. Workshop activities take place July 15th, 17th, 28th, and 29th and include “Food Art,” “Optical Illusion Art,” “Victorian Tunnel Book,” and “Summer Art.”

The next Living Proof Exhibit Creative Session is planned as an in person class with bookmaking on July 30th.

A Family Picnic Day is planned for August 5th from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - free ice cream will be provided.

Booked on Art is planned as in-person on August 6th.

Personnel:

The Board of Trustees were given their board assignments for this year. Also included was the code of ethics.

Director’s Report: The report was reviewed and discussed by Alexander.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: The next Board meeting is August 20, 2020 at 5:30 PM in the Music Room.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Fitzer Huston
Secretary