

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MUSCATINE ART CENTER
January 19, 2023**

Present: Aarzoo Baharani, Mark Latta, David Meloy, Brian Walter, Vince Lawson, Mark Seaman, and Laurie Johnson.

Absent: Geri Kent and Sara Fitzer-Huston

Staff: Melanie Alexander

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Latta at 5:38 PM.

Visitors: None present.

Minutes: Minutes of December 15, 2022, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees were reviewed and discussed. Moved/seconded (Meloy/Latta) to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Bills for Approval: Bills in the amount of \$45,385.762 were presented, reviewed, and discussed. Moved/seconded (Meloy/Walter) to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Credit Card for Approval: Credit card bills in the amount of \$130.33 were presented, reviewed, and discussed. Moved/seconded (Meloy/Walter) to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Credit Card for Approval: Credit card bills in the amount of \$528.38 were presented, reviewed, and discussed. Moved/seconded (Fitzer-Huston/Lawson) to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Long-Range Planning:

Alexander will reach out to committee members and schedule a meeting in early April.

Finance & Budget:

Alexander will present the budget to City Council at about 1:00 PM on Saturday, January 28th. Members of the Board of Trustees are encouraged to attend.

The Board of Trustees had a Financial Review session before this evening's board meeting.

The annual meeting of the Support Foundation board is on February 8. Keith Porter will be joining the board at that time.

Collections:

There was a discussion on appraisals of several of the paintings in the Art Center collection. Walter made a motion to move forward with the appraisals, the motion was seconded by Latta.

Building & Grounds:

The trees have been removed and the stumps will be ground out later by Aunt Rhodies.

Community Engagement:

Elephant and Piggie will close on February 5th and Marc Sijan’s Ultra-Realistic Sculptures will go on view on February 9th on the top floor with Bob Campagna’s Faces of Hope opening on February 16th. On the second floor of the historic house, a portion, or perhaps all, of Representations of Native Americans will come down in early March. The exhibition is on view in two rooms and the central hall. Art Array, a partnership with the Muscatine County Arts Council, will also open

Rotary will have its meeting at the Muscatine Art Center on January 30th.

There have been many school tours but they are slowing down.

Personnel:

The new facilities technician is doing well.

Director’s Report: In Packet

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Next Board meeting – February 16, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

Adjourn:

Moved/seconded by (Baharani/Lawson) to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Acting Secretary