



City of Muscatine

ART CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Thursday, September 21, 2023

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Latta at 12:00PM.

2. **VISITOR SPEAK**

No visitors.

3. *** APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Bills in the amount of \$4,496.24 were presented, reviewed, and discussed. Moved and seconded by (Lawson/Walter) to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

4. **CREDIT CARD APPROVAL**

No credit card for approval this month.

5. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Long-Range Planning:

The executive committee met in August to discuss the proposals that came in for the museum planning. The executive committee recommended Lord over Museum Insights. A motion was made by Meloy to accept the contract and site visit itinerary from Lord, seconded by Baharani. Motion carried. The dates of October 18-20 were discussed with October 19th as the day to meet with the Board of Trustees.

Finance & Budget:

The Rehabilitation of the Japanese Garden is on schedule to finish September 30th and the quarterly grant report will also be due. There will be a site visit from SHPO at the end of October. The grant report for the Carver Trust is due in October. Staff is working of Information panels with history, rehabilitation info and grant credits. Staff is also working with Heidi on signs for in the garden.

Collections:

The Art Center has acquired a painting by Olaf Jones Grafstrom, *Mississippi River*

Palisades, 1913. Working with Audrey Brown, painter; Randy Richmond, photographer; and John Deason, photographer to get more Mississippi River art.

The Estey organ is in need of repair.

Building & Grounds:

There is a tree that is in bad shape by the Japanese Garden that need to be removed.

There was discussion on whether the fence along the path in front of the Art Center needs to be removed for ADA or not.

We are still waiting on the new security keypad for the linkage area.

The last two benches were delivered.

Community Engagement:

Two new exhibitions (Jon Fasanelli-Cawelti: *Man Filled with Music* and Mauricio Lasansky: *Portraits from the Permanent Collection*) will open on September 21st. The reception is Sunday, September 24th from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Both the Bill Anson Group and the Mad Creek Mudcats will perform.

The Muscatine Art Center is presenting *Celebracion de las Artes* on October 12th starting at 5:15 p.m. The event is in partnership with several organizations and student groups. The West Liberty High School Mariachi Band and Quad Cities Ballet Folklorico will perform. Last year, the event brought in over 300 people. On October 26th, the visual artist Kevin Reese will create a moving sculpture working with the general public, including kids. The event is part of the Quad City Arts Visiting Artist Program.

The Heartfelt and Handmade Ornament competition is returning with entries due on or before November 1st. The first opportunity to purchase ornaments is during the Holiday Open House on December 7th. Tickets to the open house are \$20 for Friends members and \$25 for non-members before or on December 1st. After December 1st, all tickets are \$35.

The riverboat visited again on September 10, 2023.

Personnel:

The Iowa Museum Association conference will be held in the Quad Cities on October 1st

through 3rd. The Director, Program Coordinator, and Registrar are all attending for a single day or two days.

6. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

In Board packet.

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

Next Board meeting – October 19, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved and seconded by (Lawson/Walter) to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 1:00P.M.