



City of Muscatine

ART CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Thursday, November 16, 2023

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

A. Present

Mark Latta, Brian Walter, Mark Seaman, Aarzoo Baharani, Kathleen Haltmeyer, Vince Lawson, Ann McCarthy, and David Meloy.

B. Absent

Geri Kent

3. **VISITOR SPEAK**

4. **MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

Minutes of the October 19, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees were reviewed and discussed. Moved/seconded (Lawson/Walter) to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

5. *** APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Bills in the amount of \$48,004.81 were presented, reviewed, and discussed. Moved/seconded (Baharani/Haltmeyer) to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried.

6. **CREDIT CARD APPROVAL**

A. Credit Card Approval - City/Lynn
None

B. Credit Card Approval - City/Melanie
None

C. Credit Card Approval - City

A credit card in the amount of \$150.00 was presented, reviewed, and discussed. Moved/seconded (McCarthy/Meloy) to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Long-Range Planning

Lord Cultural Resources asked Alexander for more research information. The one-on-one interviews were successful.

The behind-the-scenes tour for Board members will be November 29, at noon.

B. Finance & Budget

The City financial budget is due to the city in two weeks.

The City Administrator will present the completed personnel study to the City Council in December

C. Collections

One of the latest acquisitions, *Huck Finn* is being framed and will be back in December.

There is a Fredrick Oakes Sylvester painting of the Mississippi River for sale.

D. Building & Grounds

The Japanese Garden is completed.

There was a good response to the organization of Friends of the Japanese Garden. There were 18 people interested and they will meet sometime in February or March.

E. Community Engagement

The Heartfelt and Handmade Ornament competition is currently on view. The first opportunity to purchase ornaments is during the Holiday Open House on December 7th.

Two tickets to Hairspray at Hancher have been secured to give away among paid members of Friends. The performance is on February 23rd, and the drawing will be held on November 28th (Giving Tuesday). All current members of Friends will be automatically entered into the drawing.

Planning is underway for a late May / early June fundraiser to benefit the Symphony Orchestra, County Arts Council, and Muscatine Art Center. Chuck Swanson, formerly of Hancher Auditorium, has suggested possible entertainment. The group will meet at the end of November to further determine the event details.

The sculpture, *Zenith*, by artist Nathan Pierce is set for installation in the roundabout at Second and Mulberry around 9 a.m. on November 16th.

F. Personnel

Baharani will talk to a caterer for the meal on December 11th for staff, volunteers, and the Board.

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. 16 November 2023, in packet

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Next Board meeting 21 December 2023.

11. ADJOURNMENT