

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MUSCATINE ART CENTER**

March 21, 2024

Present: Mark Latta, Brian Walter, Ann McCarthy, David Meloy, Aarzoo Baharani, and Vince Lawson

Absent: Kathleen Haltmeyer, Mark Seaman, Geri Kent

Staff: Melanie Alexander

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Latta at 5:30.

Visitors: None present.

Minutes: Minutes of the February 15, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees were reviewed and discussed. Moved/seconded (Meloy/McCarthy) to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Bills for Approval: Bills in the amount of \$2,827.93 were presented, reviewed, and discussed. Moved/seconded (Walter/Lawson) to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Credit Card for Approval: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Long-Range Planning:

The Board discussed the draft Facility and Business Plan report submitted by Lord Cultural Resources. The Executive committee shared their thoughts with the full board.

Finance & Budget:

We have received a Quad City Arts Dollars grant that will be used for the Young Foot lighters Day Camp and another event.

Alexander will present a financial overview session April 18th at 4:30 PM for the Board of Trustees.

Collections:

The Art Center needs to address Mimsy. Axiell will no longer support the program after December 2026. Staff has not been very happy with the program for some time. Staff is looking into other collection programs.

Building & Grounds:

Aunt Rhodies will come in and start the water feature in the Japanese Garden up soon. They will use it as a teaching session for Staff.

There will be a ribbon cutting for the Japanese Garden May 2nd.

Community Engagement:

Delegates from Hebei, China visited the Muscatine Art Center in March as part of their tour of Muscatine and the region. Animals in Art will open February 24th.

“For the Love of Art” tea, and the Annual Ice Cream Social. Are coming up on May 11th and June 30th.

On March 21, the Darwin Turner Action Theater (DTAT) group from the University of Iowa will return to Muscatine. Their presentation will reach all but one elementary school in the district and is a collaboration involving the Muscatine Art Center, Global Education at Stanley Center, and the University’s Arts Share program. In partnership with the Muscatine County Arts Council, the Art Center will host Daniel Adam Maltz on his fortepiano in the Music Room on March 24th.

Personnel:

One board member will fulfill two terms on June 30, 2024 while two others will complete their first term. These two board members are eligible to renew for a second term of three years. The City’s Nominating Committee will post open seats in April. Board members are encouraged to suggest possible candidates. Applications will likely be due to the City in early May.

The Friends organization received a grant from Muscatine Charities to provide a stipend for a summer intern. The position opening was posted on the Iowa Museum Association website, and three candidates have responded. Interviews are scheduled for the week of March 18th. The intern will primarily assist the Program Coordinator.

Director’s Report: In Packet

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Next Board meeting – April 18, 2024 at 5:30 P.M.

Adjourn:

Moved/seconded by (Walter/Baharani) to adjourn at 6:50 P.M. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Aarzo Baharani,
Secretary, Muscatine Art Center Board of Trustees