

SAGINAW ARTS & ENRICHMENT COMMISSION
Commission Meeting
Andersen Enrichment Center
February 16, 2022

Present: Kathy Couillard, Indigo Dudley, Sarge Harvey, William Keys, Thor Rasmussen, Thelma Ruffin, Sonia Severin, Suzanne Skrelunas, Les Tincknell

Absent: Craig Bell, Stephanie Domina, William Ewald, Kristin Karwat, Kujuanna Ray, Pat Shelley, Burris Smith, Joe Turner

Staff Present: Nancy Koepke, Marsha Braun, Mandy Borsenik

Approval of Minutes

Sarge Harvey moved to accept the minutes of the January 19, 2022 meeting as printed. Bill Keys seconded. Motion approved.

Public Input

None

Welcome

Thor Rasmussen introduced our new Special Projects Director, Mandy Borsenik. Mandy reported on her activities thus far with the Commission involving the student art exhibit and All Area Arts Awards and also talked about her past employment.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Les Tincknell reported income of \$4,815.68 and expenses of \$10,072.32 for the month of January. Kathy Couillard moved to accept the January Treasurer's report. Sonia Severin seconded. Motion approved.

Youth Outreach

Nancy Koepke reported that we are continuing to offer art classes at the Boys and Girls Club.

Michigan Arts and Culture Council Minigrants

Marsha Braun reported that all first-round checks have been mailed to grant recipients and that two final reports have already been turned in. Marsha explained that she is working on the school grants but public schools are still struggling to apply. Only parochial schools have applied. She explained that she has \$7,000 to give to schools for art supplies and bus trips. Charter schools can apply.

Artist Mixer

Thor reported that the next Artist Mixer will be held at the Saginaw Art Museum on March 23rd from 6-8 p.m. Artists will be invited to tour the current exhibits.

Art @ the Andersen

Marsha reported that the annual student art show, Celebrating Saginaw's Cultures, featured over 400 pieces of art and was a great success. Over 125 students and their families attended the reception and awards ceremony. Mandy reported that Martin Luther King Day was helpful as the Andersen was open and many families stopped in that day. Mandy also announced that the next exhibit will open March 2nd and will feature the work of Lester White a painter living in Grand Rapids who grew up in Saginaw and graduated from SASA. Mandy reported that she will be putting together a news release and getting it out to local media.

All Area Arts Awards

Marsha announced that the annual gala will be held on Thursday, June 9th at the Saginaw Art Museum. She is seeking nominations and forms are available online and will be in the April newsletter. Mandy reported that she is working on sponsor letters and will be getting those out in the next few days.

Chair Report

Thor announced that the City of Saginaw will be setting guidelines and developing a portal where organizations can apply for ARPA funds.

Marketing Director Report

Marsha reported that the City has hired Plante Moran and GuideHouse to oversee the ARPA funds. Those organizations will set guidelines and develop a grant portal. Marsha reported that 50 proposals have already been submitted. The city is looking at those applications as "letters of intent".

Unfinished Business

Thor announced that we will be revisiting our Strategic Plan. We will invite community input at our April meeting and will attempt to finalized the plan before the end of our fiscal year in June. Commissioners are urged to study the plan and submit suggestions either by email to Nancy Koepke or at the April or May meetings.

Announcements

Thor announced that the Temple Theatre will host a comedy show in March and the Choral Society concert in April. They will feature Amadeus on April 2nd.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. Les Tinknell moved to adjourn. Indigo Dudley seconded. Motion approved.

As recorded by,

Nancy Koepke

