

**SAGINAW ARTS & ENRICHMENT COMMISSION**  
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January 18, 2023  
Minutes



**Call to Order/Roll Call:**

Chair Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Present: Craig Bell, Sonia Burkland, Kathy Couillard, Stephanie Domina, Indigo Dudley, Sarge Harvey, William Keys, Thor Rasmussen, Thelma Ruffin, Pat Shelley, Suzanne Skrelunas, Burris Smith

Excused: William Ewald, Les Tincknell

Absent: Kristin Karwat, Kujuanna Ray, Joe Turner

Staff Present: Marsha Braun, Tom Brubaker

**Approval of Minutes**

Kathy Couillard moved to approve the November and December 2022 minutes. Thelma Ruffin seconded. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report**

In Commissioner Tincknell's absence, Marsha Braun reported November income of \$83,358.30 and expenses of \$8,428.98, December income of \$16,136.15 and expenses of \$58,290.10. Braun noted that the large increase in November income was due to the commission receiving FY23 Regional Regranting funds from MACC, a large portion of those funds were regranting in December as first payments to grantees. Burris Smith moved to accept the November and December treasurer's report. Bill Keys seconded. Motion passed.

**Student Art Show**

"Celebrating Saginaw's Cultures, Building Unity through Diversity" runs through 11 a.m. on January 27. Almost 400 pieces of student artwork is on display, grades 3 – 12. Awards ceremony will take place on Thursday, January 26 from 5 – 7 p.m.

**Art @ the Andersen**

Brubaker reported that "*The Masks of the African Diaspora*" featuring a collection mixed media and found object masks by Lark Allen has been extended through January 27. *Celebrating Saginaw's Cultures Student Art Show Award Winners* opens same day.

**MACC Minigrant Program**

Marsha Braun reported that all FY22 grants have been wrapped up, final payments made, and Regional Regranting final report submitted and approved. Majority of FY23 grantees have received first payment funding for projects and professional development.

**Hollyday Art Mart**

Tom Brubaker reported that the Hollyday Art Mart was a great event with more than 600 people visiting throughout the day. Event proceeds were \$6,300 which is back to a pre-covid level. He thanked everyone for their financial support and volunteer efforts.



### **All Area Arts Awards**

Tom Brubaker announced that this year's awards will take place on Wednesday, May 3 at the Dow Event Center. More information will follow as plans develop.

### **Arts Round Table**

Brubaker reported that the Arts Round Table will meet in February for the first time since Covid. Meeting is scheduled for February 21, 10 a.m. at the Temple Theater with Temple Arts, Saginaw Choral Society and Saginaw Bay Symphony Orchestra hosting area arts managers for a tour and networking.

### **Strategic Plan**

A draft of the strategic plan was distributed to commissioners for review. Plan will be discussed at the February meeting.

### **Chair Report**

Chair Rasmussen said he is excited to see the commission and staff coming together on developing and working the strategic plan to keep the commission moving forward.

### **Director Report**

Braun reported that All Music is Power conducted an interactive music program for students with special needs at the Millet Center this past December. Thelma Ruffin suggested we consider the Neighborhood House in plans for future youth programming.

### **New Business**

Craig Bell asked about upkeep and maintenance of the Andersen Center garden and what can be done to spruce it up for the season, discussion ensued, ideas will be passed on to the building manager. He also asked if there was a way to incentivize people to complete a student art show survey while attending the awards ceremony. Thor said the Temple Theatre will donate movie tickets for a prize drawing.

### **Announcements**

Kathy Couillard complimented the Saginaw Art Museum on their current exhibition, Indigo Dudley announced that Monique Ella Rose will perform at the SVSU Rhea Miller Concert Series, and Thor Rasmussen added that Marshall Frederick's Sculpture Museum has opened two new exhibitions.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m. Commissioner Shelley moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Harvey. Motion passed.

Recorded by:  
Marsha Braun, Executive Director