

**SAGINAW ARTS & ENRICHMENT COMMISSION**  
120 Ezra Rust Dr  
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March 15, 2023  
Minutes



### **Call to Order/Roll Call:**

Chair Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Present: Craig Bell, Sonia Lopez Burklund, Kathy Couillard, Sarge Harvey, William Keyes, Thor Rasmussen, Thelma Ruffin, Les Tincknell

Excused: Stephanie Domina, William Ewald, Pat Shelley, Suzanne Skrelunas, Burris Smith

Absent: Indigo Dudley, Kristin Karwat, Kujuanna Ray, Joe Turner

Staff Present: Marsha Braun, Tom Brubaker

### **Financial Report and Minutes**

Treasure Tincknell reported that the commission's finances are looking good heading into the last 3 months of the fiscal year. With no quorum, February treasurers report and minutes will be approved at the April 19, 2023 regular commission meeting.

### **All Area Arts Awards**

Tom Brubaker reported that planning is well under way for this year's All Area Arts Awards which will be held on Wednesday, May 3 at the Dow Event Center with entertainment by Courtinum and the Saginaw United Drumline. The celebratory reception will feature food stations, passed hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Sponsorships are available at all levels. Nominations are due March 31, 2023.

### **ARTS Roundtable**

Rasmussen and Brubaker reported that 25-30 arts managers and staff attended the February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting at the Temple Theatre for networking and presentations by Temple Arts, Saginaw Choral Society and the Saginaw Bay Symphony Orchestra. Meeting schedule for rest of year is being confirmed.

### **Art @ the Andersen**

Brubaker announced that "*Peaceful Tranquility: Works in Acrylic and Oil by Nancy Farley*" will be on display through May.

### **Artist Mixer**

Brubaker announced that the next Artist Mixer will be held at Andersen Center on April 18, 6 p.m. Program will be an origami presentation and workshop by Mark DeWolf Ott.

### **Strategic Plan**

Scheduled for approval at the April 19, 2023 meeting.

### **Chair Report**

Chair Rasmussen reminded everyone how important it is to recognize creatives and emerging artists in our community. He encouraged all to nominate deserving individual for an Arts Awards.

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### **Director Report**

Marsha Braun reported that she will be working on submitting operating grants to Huntington and to MACC in April and May. FY24 MACC minigrant application is now available for those wishing to apply. Waiting to hear from HSC on funding for Saginaw Celebrates Summer 2023. The free origami workshop held at the Red Eye Coffee and Tea Café as part of community outreach was a huge success with more than 30 in attendance. Save the Date: Art & Garden Festival June 14<sup>th</sup> and Jazz in the Garden concerts beginning July 12 for four consecutive Wednesdays. Volunteers will be needed for both.

### **Director of Community Engagement Report**

Tom announced that we are excited to have confirmation from WNEM TV5 on our weekly appearance this summer during their morning broadcast with Saginaw Celebrates Summer events and updates. This will position the commission as the “go to” resource for summer fun.

### **Announcements**

Saginaw Art Museum is hiring a part-time gardener and an arts education project coordinator, please refer interested individuals to the museum.

### **Adjournment**

With no quorum present, the meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

### **Recorded by:**

Marsha Braun, Executive Director