

Murray Arts Advisory Board
Minutes for January 12, 2021

Attendance: Matt Jacobson, Peter Klinge, Nancy Buist, Jeff Evans, Christy Anderson, Clark Bullen, Lily Ellingson, Cami Munk, Halley Oliphant
Staff: Katie Lindquist

- I. The minutes for November 17, 2020 were passed as written.
- II. Board Reports: There were no board reports.
- III. Staff reports –
 - a. Resident on Display December/January
 - i. City Hall – Katie reported that the candy display that was installed late November is still in the case (without Santa Claus) and will remain until the end of January.
 - ii. Storytelling Residencies – Katie informed the board that we have 5 residencies that are preparing workshops. One will start at the end of January and the rest will start in February. All will be through Zoom meetings.
 - iii. Mr. Robinson's sing along – Lori told the board that a resident had asked that staff repeat the Mr. Robinson's sing along that was held at the library last year. Lori said that she and Katie were able to accommodate the request and there was 43 (Zoom) and 15 (Face Book viewers) people that attended. There were people from Texas, Arizona, and back east that joined. Peter asked who Mr. Robinson was and Lori shared that he was a music teacher back in the 1960's who had written some Christmas songs. He went from school to school to teach them to the students. As such, Mr. Robinson was a beloved teacher and many students align their Christmas Season with him and his songs. Lori said that staff will do it again next year.
 - iv. Previous Year budget report and participation – Lori told the board she will report at the end of the fiscal year as this seems easier to explain the process.
- IV. Business
 - a. Elections for Vice Chair – Christy nominated Matt Jacobson for vice-chair and Cami seconded it. The vote was unanimous.
 - b. Local Grants – The board discussed two applications that had applied. The first from the Murray Concert Band. They asked for \$2500. The board was told that they had contacted Lori at the start of May 2020 and stated that they would not be performing until the first part of the year 2021. The board thought they were deserving of the full amount of \$2500. The second grant was from the Murray Symphony for \$2500. The board was concerned about the \$23,971 cash reserve that the symphony has. They noted that the Concert Band had a cash reserve \$6,005 They decided to award the symphony \$1,250. Lori will contact the two groups with the board's recommendations to the City Council.
 - c. 2021 Amphitheater Calendar – Lori shared what she has been scheduling for the 2021 summer season. The Concert Band, Murray Symphony, a movie sing along, and the musical Little Mermaid has been scheduled for June. In July, Fun Days will be Saturday July 3rd. That month, the second musical, produced by Murray Cultural Arts will be "Shrek the Musical". In August, Murry Cultural Arts will present "Newsies". Also, Jenny Oakes Baker will be holding her workshops and a concert during the second week on August 9-11. Lori remarked that we may have time for some concerts but reminded the

board that the sound system at the amphitheater is not adequate for concerts and that a sound company would need to be hired.

d. Breaking Barriers – Lori reported that she and Katie had just finished a six-week course call Breaking Barriers where they were taught best practices on how to accommodate disabled audiences. They will start putting into practice some of the things they learned this year. Lori said she plans to hire a “seasonal ASL (American Sign Language) specialists for the amphitheater season. The board asked what if any accommodations would be made. They will look at a special night for the blind, low vision, deaf, and hard of hearing community. Katie is also working on our social media posts by making them easier to read.

e. Ordinance Review – The board read through the ordinance to become familiar with it. There were no questions. Then they read through the by-laws. The dates and times of the meetings will need to be changed in the document to coincide with the new dates and times that the board voted on in the November meeting. Lori wanted to table the 5-year plan for next month so the board could be thinking about it. She will send out the document that listed the last several years so the board could see what had been done. Christy moved to table the discussion and Cami seconded the motion. The unanimous decision was passed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Haley and seconded by Nancy.

The meeting was adjourned until February 9, 2021 at 6:30pm via Zoom.