

The Murray Arts Advisory Board
Minutes for September 13, 2022

Attendance: Matt Jacobson, Robert Wyss, Jeff Evans, Nancy Buist, Peter Klinge, Christy Anderson, Hayley Oliphant

Staff: Kim Sorensen, Katie Lindquist, Lori Edmunds, Kristine Jones

I. Christy made a motion to pass the minutes for August 9, 2022. Jeff seconded the motion and the minutes passed unanimously.

II. Citizen Comments:

There were no citizen comments.

III. Board Reports:

a. Haunted Tales and Cotton Tales: Christy presented that there are exciting new upgrades to Haunted Tales this year. We have a new online submission form and an improved website so that when people go to find out about it, they can do everything in one stop. They can upload online, fill out their forms and submit it all with just a click. This is a very user-friendly format. We started doing our social media campaign last week to garner new entries as well as an ad coming out in the Murray Journal. This ad will come out after our deadline, so this is more of promoting and encouraging people to help support our reading showcase which will be held on the 17th of October at the Senior Recreation Center.

We had one very interesting request from an adult wanting to still participate. If this is family friendly and can be read within the two minutes, this may be accepted.

Thought is to maybe expand this program or one like it later next year to adults as well possibly adding an over eighteen reading with paranormal and spooky stories.

b. City Hall Public Art: Matt presented that for the past two months they have been meeting with representatives from the mayor's office and the architects to go over the public art proposals and have made some decisions.

1-On the very large brick wall facing north approximately 45ft by 15ft is going to be brushed stainless circles and within these random circles there are going to be 17-20 icons of Murray. An example of some of these icons are a lightning bolt for the power department, a dragon for the library, an old wagon wheel representing the auto industry. The flowing design represents the waterways of Murray. Where these circles meet it created diamonds in-between. This design is by Karl Hale and his budget is \$100,000.00.

2-Our second piece which is also amazing will go above the council chambers where

there are currently clear glass windows. This artist, Sarinda Jones does fused glass which are colored rods of glass put into a kiln and melted together. The artist came up with a couple of ideas of a color pallet by which she takes a photograph such as the mountains or the park and extracts those colors from the photo. Each of these windows will not all look alike. The board would like more color than just earth tones but rather our Murray City landscape colors such as the greens and blues. The budget for this art project was \$100,000.00 as well.

IV. Staff Reports:

- a. Resident on Display: Katie updated that Stephanie Swift is our new resident on display. She does old and historical signs throughout Salt Lake. During one of our arts shows she did the smoke stacks which Murray purchased so she is now in our permanent collection.
- b. Amphitheater Update: Lori presented that we are still gathering a little bit of information, but our season did very well and ended last Saturday. We had approximately 8,680 patrons visit the amphitheater within those three months. We will be purchasing some new sound equipment and a new sound board as well as replace the bleachers with bucket seating with individual cup holders. The two concerts that were best attended were Toast and The Carpenters tribute bands. Lori is already starting to look for qualified directors and schedule for next year and is also working on getting a band called Vision that she is going to try to get right at the beginning of the season. It was requested that we table any future questions regarding directors and what type of shows might be chosen to next month's meeting.
- c. Theater Update: Lori updated that we had the first preconstruction meeting yesterday for the theater. Still working with Pathway Associates to get funding moving as everyone is worried about the economy. The feasibility study is continuing with all that were chosen to participate. Everything unfortunately is moving slowly with not many updates currently.

V. Business:

- a. Arts Education Plan: Katie has delivered the current schedules as well as they had a nice visit with McMillan Elementary.

Matt made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Hayley seconded it. All voted in favor.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at 6:30pm