

Murray Arts Advisory Board
Minutes for October 18, 2016

Attendance: Scott Mooy, Becca Spjute, Deborah Daines, Wendy Richhart, Kevin Westenskow, Bonnie Tollefson, Alisa Brousseau, Carolyn Milne, Mary Ann Kirk (staff)
Excused: Lori Steadman

1. Minutes for September 20, 2016 were approved as written.
2. Mary Ann reported the plein air event involved 7 artists and attendance was 17. The rainy weather affected the event. The artwork was on display in the afternoon in conjunction with Murray Museum Day which had 14 people attend plus the artists and volunteers. It will be on display at city hall for a week.
3. Assignments were set for upcoming events including Halloween Poison Plot, Haunted Tales, and Art Show. Bonnie will secure judges. Missoula audition numbers were also small. Mary Ann thought it might be the time frame. We have never done October before. We had 25 children audition and all were cast. A total of 116 patrons attended the performances.
4. The amphitheater bids came in over our estimates. We are \$400,000 short. The city moved some CIP projects in Doug's public service budget to the amphitheater budget which was necessary to move the project forward. She appreciated Doug's support. Mary Ann is waiting to hear from Sorenson Legacy Foundation and will be applying for an Ashton Family grant and hopefully an Eccles grant if they invite us to submit an application. Donations will go back into the budget to restore funding for the CIP projects as funding comes in. Maria VanderHeyden was willing to donate money toward the project. Board members thought we could sell bricks for the public art piece. Mary Ann will talk to the finance office to see if we can establish a revenue line item specifically for these donations.
5. The storytelling and dance festival residencies schedules are being organized. A few schools are not participating. Mary Ann is still trying to find a grade level at Parkside to participate in the dance festival. The music specialist contract is being processed with the district. There are several new specialists. Mary Ann will check on the in-service that was required as part of the contract. The district supervisor is new but seems like she wants to follow the rules. Mary Ann suggested next year we consider offering funding for residencies based on school requests who have secured professionals rather than weekly music instruction. We could allocate up to a certain amount for each school. She will require the district to submit a funding request no matter what we do. Becca said the state requires art instruction as part of the core and the district should be funding it. She said there is a new requirement. Mary Ann will check on that.
6. The 2017 board schedule was set for Jan 17, February 21, March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19, October 17, and November 21 at 7 pm in the Murray Parks Office.
7. Board members suggested we include survey questions at upcoming events to include:
 - Demographics (age, gender)
 - Where did you hear about us
 - What would you like to see more of
 - How did you like the program tonight?
 - Where do you go for arts programming?
8. Board appointments were reviewed. Deborah, Wendy, Kevin, and Carolyn were willing to serve a 2nd term starting in January 2017. Scott has completed two terms. Bonnie did not want to be reappointed because of family issues. So we need two new appointments starting January.