

Murray Arts Advisory Board
Minutes for November 15, 2016

Attendance: Deborah Daines, Carolyn Milne, Bonnie Tollefson, Lori Steadman, Becca Spjute, Alisa Brousseau, Wendy Richhart, Mary Ann Kirk (staff), Lynn Chatterton (MAC), Karen White (MAC), Dave Thalman (Murray Symphony), Nanci Shino (Murray Concert Band)

Excused: Kevin Westenskow, Scott Mooy

1. Minutes for October 18, 2016 were approved with a minor correction to complete a sentence. Mary Ann thanked Bonnie and Scott for their dedicated service since this was their last meeting. We are still looking for a new board member with a visual arts background. Suggestions included Julie Jacobson, Jeffrey Hale, and John Fackrell.
2. Mary Ann reported the Children's Lit competition featured 132 entries from 10 schools and 31 winners. A total of 117 patrons attended Haunted Tales to listen to the winners. Poison Plot was well received with 147 in attendance. Next year the history board wants to do a play like Arsenic and Old Lace in the historic Murray Theater. Murray Symphony concert attendance was 335. Murray Concert Band attendance was 170. Dave mentioned that the tech staff at HJH had problems with keys and locating equipment but they seemed to resolve the issues for the concert band the following week. The art show featured 53 pieces of artwork by 30 artists. Deborah and Wendy will assist at the reception on November 21.
3. Mary Ann noted the death of two important individuals from our arts community - Cary Charon and Sue Thompson. A celebration for Cary was held at Murray High with about 900 in attendance. A short tribute was included in the Murray High musical program for each of them.
4. The amphitheater construction is in progress. We have received a \$75,000 grant from Sorenson Legacy Foundation and grants have been submitted to Ashton Foundation (\$20,000) and Eccles Foundation (\$100,000). A \$100,000 request will be submitted to the Utah Legislature. We need about \$78,000 more to cover the \$400,000 shortfall. Lynn Chatterton suggested we contact Alison Jensen who has a family foundation. Mary Ann is researching bank foundations. Board members wanted to sponsor a community fundraising effort for the art piece which is not part of the current expense total. They liked the idea of allowing patrons to buy a commemorative brick with their name. Mary Ann will talk to the design consultants. We will post a call for proposals for the art piece to allow artists to use their imagination and then select the best option. Since we didn't present a community art award in October, we could recognize those who moved this project along at the grand opening on June 10.
5. Grant applications were passed out to local art organizations. Mary Ann will email an electronic copy. She asked the local groups what type of training they could use since the application requires them to have board members trained every three years. Nanci suggested we present basic non-profit agency leadership principles. Marketing would also be helpful. They suggested a Saturday morning time frame.
6. The Murray Arts in the Park 2017 season was reviewed. Mary Ann will be sending out agreements after the attorney's office approves the form. She has invited Vocal Point for the first concert. This would bring a younger crowd. If they are not available, Lynn suggested Gentry is very good and has a good local following.

Mary Ann asked if they want to host a jazz concert. We have hosted CityJazz for the last several years but she was very impressed with Tad Calcarra Band that performed at the Heritage Center. She didn't want to get locked into one group. Carolyn liked having a jazz group. Lynn said he also heard a good French bistro group. Mary Ann will talk to CityJazz to see if they have other venues if we don't use them this year.

7. A job description for the new administration assistant was shared. The salary level will be finalized and the job will be posted in late November. This is a 40 hour position. Mary Ann's position may be raised to a 40 hour position as she leaves and hopefully she can retain the 20 hour position in the museum. This will complete our succession plan as she retires.
8. Community Development has given us permission to use the Murray Theater for small theater productions with under 100 in the audience. Mary Ann invited the Murray Arts Council to produce the October event like Arsenic and Old Lace. If they prefer to produce a spring play, we will produce the October play internally.
9. Mary Ann would like to produce a concert in November or December of 2017 called My Favorite Things. She wants to celebrate with all her friends and patrons she has worked with over the past 25 years including schools and local art groups. The evening might include favorite musical theater numbers with the symphony or smaller ensemble and theater groups (Carousel, Fiddler, West Side Story, Sound of Music), high school percussion, Murray High madrigals, and a few family music and dance numbers. Dave will talk to the symphony.
10. Mary Ann asked the local groups to send her press information and images that can be posted on facebook and instagram to create more interest. This could even include rehearsals. She encouraged the groups to like our page and we can like their pages.