

Murray Arts Advisory Board Minutes
March 21, 2017

Attendance: Deborah Daines, Wendy Richhart, Michael Wall, Clark Bullen, Carolyn Milne, Alisa Brousseau, Mary Ann Kirk and Lori Edmunds (staff)
Excused: Lori Steadman, Kevin Westenskow, Becca Spjute

1. Minutes for February 21, 2017 were approved with a minor correction. Mary Ann noted that former board member Bonnie Tollefson lost her husband. She will buy some flowers for her. Mary Ann announced the Murray Cultural Arts will be recognized at the state Mountain West Art Conference for a Leadership in the Arts Award. She will let board members know when that is so they can attend if interested.

2. Past month events included:
Arts Power had 1055 attendance with all elementary schools in Murray boundaries except Viewmont attending plus 2 other outside schools.

Storytelling City Festival was attended by 283 patrons. Residencies were held in 10 elementary and secondary schools and the library, senior center and boys/girls club. A total of 3972 patrons were involved in various events including assemblies, judging, and classroom and afterschool instruction.

Murray Symphony had 220 attend their March concert.

The Ballet Center offered 2 free daytime performances that involved about 400 from 5 local schools, a performing arts school, and a senior group.

3. The MHS Art fest was cancelled. Board members indicated the students were upset and are petitioning the school to change their minds. Mary Ann said it was cancelled because too many kids check out of school. The organizers felt it wasn't achieving its goals and took a lot of staff time.
4. About \$400,000 has been raised to cover the amphitheater remodel revenue shortfall. We are still waiting for the Wheeler Foundation grant announcement which could cover the order changes which amount to almost \$50,000. Mary Ann said we have raised about \$6500 for the art piece. The city is going to include an insert in the May utility billing. Board members felt it would help if the community had a site they could donate on line.
5. We received a grant to complete a feasibility study for the Murray Theater which would include a schematic design and cost estimates for upgrades.
6. Mary Ann reviewed arts in education activities for 2017-2018 which will include youth musicals, storytelling residencies, Haunted Tales lit competition and festival, secondary art show, cemetery storytelling/museum tours, and ballet matinee. She talked to the high school film teacher and he would be interested in featuring student films for a Halloween event. We could also show the Murray fire department video created in 1924 along with an art show. This would be held in the Murray Theater and we would need to restrict attendance to 100 per show. Board members liked this idea. We have enough money to cover one other event with a choice between Arts Power touring musical or a school choice between Arts Inc assemblies or Steve James Prevention Dimension assemblies and parent night. Board members liked the idea of the local school assemblies but agreed we should ask for feedback from principals.

7. Arts in the Park season prices were raised a little based on board feedback to \$49 adult, \$45 seniors, and \$29 children.
8. New program recommendations for next year include resident on display exhibits each month in city hall and a collaboration with Clever Octopus and their art van that would visit a different park once each month with a different art project. We have decided to wait on the chalk art festival so Lori can experience the Fun Days activities before adding additional elements. Mary Ann noted the windows in the Murray Theater had a coating on them that would be difficult to remove for candy window displays. Board members still felt that the candy windows should wait until there are new buildings in the downtown area.
9. Wendy reminded Mary Ann that she needed donations for MHS graduation event. Mary Ann will get her a couple of afghans and a few summer tickets.
10. Lynn Chatterton took the board on a tour of the Murray Theater. Board members agreed it has great potential. Mary Ann indicated it will require funding from public and private sources.