

**Murray Arts Advisory Board  
Minutes for May 16, 2017**

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

1. Minutes for April 18, 2017 were approved with a few minor grammatical corrections.
2. The amphitheater remodel experienced an accident which damaged some of the existing structure. This has delayed completion date. We already have Murray High reserved for single night shows but don't know about Fiddler. We are trying to reserve Murray High since Hillcrest Jr High does not have pit. If necessary, we may have to build a temporary stage in the park. Cottonwood High or other communities with an amphitheater may be an option. Clark asked about the Murray Theater, but Mary Ann indicated it couldn't accommodate the size of our summer audience even if it was up to code.
3. Mary Ann asked Paul Brewer to act as an MC for our opening concert and provide a short 5 minute magic show, thank our major donors, and solicit donations for our public art piece. Board members wanted to wait to acknowledge donors when the facility is finished and felt the MC was not necessary since we are at Murray High. Kevin was asked to make a short statement about the amphitheater progress and encouraging the patrons to donate. Clark suggested we include a donation/pledge form in the program and ask the audience to help us reach our goal. We could have a table for donations. Deborah, Carolyn, Kevin, and Becca will help with the gate on June 10 at 7 pm at MHS.
4. Music competition judging is still in progress.
5. The secondary art show had about 250 entries. The display case was accidentally broken by Fashion Place Mall staff. It was a hard display to judge. We had some new types of artwork and we weren't sure if we wanted to allow it in the future. Lori asked who decides categories. Mary Ann said we have the power to define the categories but we try to highlight what they are doing in the classroom so that sometimes varies. Carolyn likes the variety. We just need to figure out how to combine and define categories. We can ask for input from the teachers as we create the entry form next year.
6. Lori Edmunds found a company to offer on-line sales for individual tickets for our productions of Joshua Creek, Music Man, and Carousel. We will collect the full ticket amount and they will charge a handling fee which they will keep. It will email the patron individual tickets with a barcode. We can use a scanner if we want. We will have access to all the data collected and they will send a check to us at the end of each production. We have given the contact information to the other groups if they want to set up their own account.
7. Becca noted that Riverview has been complaining about the auditorium at Riverview Jr High. The tech equipment is falling apart and could be a safety issue. Mary Ann said it is important that parents work through their school community council to use school trust land funding and can contact their school board members. Becca said that schools tend to fundraise for technology but don't support the arts. She said people are posting on facebook but no one from the district responds. Deborah said the principal is a key person. There are grants that are also available.
8. Mary Ann followed up with the ballroom dancing. The Heritage Center could not commit to a weekly night for dancing and they would have to close at 10 pm. Cory Plant, recreation director, was willing to consider sponsor weekly dances at the Park Center. She will follow up with him. Carolyn went to the Heritage Thursday night dances and she was actually impressed with that program. She thought that the clientele from the Art Center would like that setting if they know about it once the Art Center closes. Some of them already attend.
9. All of our summer programs begin the week of June 5. She noted that the high school teacher is hosting a daily band camp for high school kids and will allow younger kids to join them Tuesday

through Thursday. We are not paying him for the camp since he is being paid through the school for his program. Next year we may transition the full program to him.

10. An RFP draft for the art piece was reviewed. It will go out to artists who may submit multiple designs and varying expense levels. Kevin asked if the art should depict Murray itself. Mary Ann didn't think we wanted to limit it to that. Carolyn liked the idea of including a design connection to the park environment. The board will review the various designs and associated costs and choose one they like the best for the site next month. We will sign a contract agreement reflecting the product we choose. Board members liked the idea of names in the artwork but wanted to make sure it was legible. The \$1000 donor names will be listed on a separate plaque. Some liked the ideas of brick but Mary Ann said the high school cautioned about using brick pavers that disintegrate with weather. We will wait and see what the artists come up with. Kevin wondered if we could do a wall of fame. Clark said you could add names over time. We could include professional photos in the green room of future shows.
11. Carolyn mentioned the smelter mural wasn't looking good. Mary Ann said the water leaves a film. We have treated it for a number of years but she is not sure how long it will last.