

Murray Arts Advisory Board
Minutes for February 20, 2018

Attendance: Becca Spjute, Kevin Westenskow, Carolyn Milne, Deborah Daines

Excused: Clark Bullen, Lori Steadman, Wendy Richhart

1. Minutes for January 16, 2018 have been approved as written.
2. Past months events included the following:
 - a. Resident on Display – the artist is Jordan Braun
 - b. Choral Fest at MHS was cancelled, however Lori E. was not notified. Lori E. will send an email to the choir teachers to ask them to let her know if a program that we have advertised has been cancelled so we can field questions and calls regarding it.
 - c. The Murray Concert Band performed on January 27th and had 250 people attend.
 - d. Murray Theater update – Lori showed the latest plans for the theater with suggestions from the architect. To accommodate the dressing rooms, restrooms, crossover, and greenroom, the structure will have to be dug down under the stage. It was specifically suggested that the entrance in the back of the theater on the east side have an elevator from the back entrance to accommodate the basement rooms. To enable the building to have an orchestra pit, it was suggested that the front 6 feet be retractable providing for several different levels to the front of the stage. The company will provide us with the conceptual plan and cost estimates by mid March.
3. Upcoming activities for March include:
 - a. March 6-10, CHS *Animal Farm*, 7pm, \$7 advance \$8 door
March 10-12, MHS *Behind the Bookstore*, 7pm, \$7 advance \$8 door
March 22-24, Twelve Dancing Princesses, MBC 7pm \$8
Murray Symphony, HJH, 7:30pm, \$6 10 and under free
 - b. The Literary Contest is being judged. We had 17 applications but had to disqualify one as it had been published. The judging should be finished in the next couple of weeks. The board felt the reason we had so many entries this time was due to more advertising.
 - c. The traveling performing group, Arts Power, will be performing Nugget and Fang on March 14th, at MHS.
4. Agreement status:
 - a. The rendering for the float has been approved and Lori E. will contact Innovative Design Concepts to let them know float construction can begin.
 - b. We have received the licensing rights for our August musical, *Secret Garden*. Jennifer is posting auditions on all our media, and Lori E. will post on *Backstage Utah*.

5. After School Musicals for February and March are:
 - a. February 22-23, Parkside, *Lion King kids*, 7:00pm
 - b. February 27-28, Twin Peaks, *Kicked Out of the Woods*, 7:00pm
 - c. March 8, AISU, *That's What Friends Are For* 7:00pm
 - d. March 8-9, Horizon, *Annie Kids*, 7:00pm
 - e. March 9, Longview, *Big Bad Musical*, 7:00pm

The board voted to award the Murray Symphony a grant of \$2500. They also voted to award the Murray Concert Band \$2500. The Murray School District grant was discussed, and the board still was uncomfortable about the way the program is going as opposed to the intent of the contract. Lori E. and Becca Spjute would like to meet with Missy Hamilton, the *Director, Elementary Teaching & Learning* to talk about ideas on how to make sure the intent of this residency gets implemented into the classroom and perhaps make some minor changes to the contract. Lori E. will set up a time with Melissa.

6. The Summer Season has been booked and staff is working on the brochure. The amphitheater productions are:
 - a. Saturday, 9 – One Voice Children's Choir
 - b. June 21-27 (excluding Sunday) "*Thoroughly Modern Millie*" MAC
 - c. June 30 - Murray Concert Band
 - d. July 7 – Murray Symphony
 - e. July 13-14 - Ballet
 - f. July 26 – Aug 1 - "*Into the Woods*"
 - g. August 10-11,13,17-18 – "*Secret Garden*"
 - h. August 25 – Salt Lake City Jazz Orchestra
 - i. September 3 – IAMA Acoustic Concert

We will also be adding a bonus performance for all season ticket holders. This will be a Russia Ballet brought to the United States by Murray Ballet Center.

The meeting was adjourned and the next meeting was scheduled for March 20, 2018.