

Murray Arts Advisory Board
Minutes for March 20, 2018

Attendance: Becca Spjute, Carolyn Milne, Deborah Daines, Wendy Richhart, Clark Bullen, Michael Wall, Alisa Brousseau

Excused: Lori Steadman

1. Minutes for February 20, 2018 have been approved as written.
2. Past months events included the following:
 - a. Resident on Display – Kay Jones
 - b. Murray Theater update – Lori showed the latest plans/pictures for the theater with suggestions from the architect. Lori E., Mary Ann and Kim Sorensen are working on a Facilities Grant from Salt Lake County for funding. To accommodate the dressing rooms, restrooms, crossover, and greenroom, the structure will have to be dug down under the stage. The elevator that was suggested by the architect has been replaced with a stairway on the north and south sides to get the basement rooms. Finding funding and then getting a design team will be the next steps.
Clark suggested making the green room larger and the dressing rooms smaller.
There is a very old piano on the stage that needs to be restored. Parks staff is looking into the cost.
 - c. There were 5 after school musicals this month.
 - i. Longview performed Big Bad Musical with 595 attending
 - ii. McMillan performed Back to the Bandstand with 287 attending
 - iii. AISU performed That’s What Friends Are For” with 500 attending
 - iv. Horizon 200 attending
 - v. Twin Peaks performed an original play written and directed by our own Deborah Daines, “Kicked Out of the Woods” with 350 attending
 - d. Literary Submission – Katie reported 18 submissions, 17 were judged with one disqualified due to being published. There were 3 judges that chose 5 winners in total to include poetry, child chapter book, personal narrative, short story and adult novel. Lori was happy with the number of submissions this year compared to 2016 and thinks we should continue this program. She said that Katie is working hard on the advertising/marketing piece and by 2020, we should be in good shape to expand this program even more. Becca shared that she reposts Facebook posts to her own “Murray Utah Arts Rec and More” account and encouraged us all to repost the art events to our own pages. Wendy has “Murray Utah a Great Place to Live and Work” where she shares art posts.
 - e. Arts Power was at Murray High School on March 14th and performed the children’s classic, Nugget and Fang. There were 555 in attendance, 476 were students.
3. Upcoming Activities and Assignments
 - March 22-24, Twelve Dancing Princesses, MBC 7 p.m. \$8
 - March 24, Murray Symphony, HJH, 7:30 p.m., \$6 10 and under free
 - April 12-13, MHS Dance Company Concert, MHS 7p.m. \$5, 3 and under free

April 14, Murray Concert Band, HJH, 7p.m. Free

April 21, Murray Storytelling Festival, MHS 11a.m. – 4 p.m., Free

4. Agreement Status

a. Murray School District music specialist and visual art residencies

Lori, Katie and Becca met with Melissa Hamilton, Director of Elementary Teaching and Learning concerning the Music Specialist Agreement and the board's concerns with the program. Melissa offered to attend one of our meetings to explain her long-range plan to integrate the arts into each of the elementary schools. Lori reminded the board that the budget would not support the \$48,000 the district was asking for.

Lori also explained that next school year the school residencies would focus on visual arts and that she has invited an art professor from the University of Utah to attend our meeting to share some ideas with the board. Lori said it would be good to have both Kim Martinez and Melissa Hamilton at the meeting together, so Melissa could help us decide what idea that Kim had would be most conducive for an elementary school. They will both attend the April meeting.

5. Afterschool Musicals

a. Grant – “Annie kids”, April 5 & 6, 7 p.m. Free

b. Liberty – “Back to the Bandstand”, April 30, 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., Free

The meeting was adjourned, and the next meeting was scheduled for April 17, 2018.