

Murray Arts Advisory Board
Minutes for August 21, 2018

Attendance: Becca Spjute, Alissa Brousseau, Kevin Westenskow, Wendy Richhart, Nancy Buist
Excused: Lori Steadman, Michael Wall, Clark Bullen
Staff: Lori Edmunds, Katie Lindquist, Jennifer Broschinsky

1. Minutes for July 17 were approved as written.
2. Past Months Events
 - “Into the Woods” – July 26-28, 30-31, Aug 1, received positive reviews. The board was disappointed that only a fraction of the parts that were opened for auditions as the director had precast the remaining majority. Attendance was 1,489 for six performances
 - VIVAT! From the Ballet Center of Murray was at Hillcrest Junior High on August 9. It was reported that around 250 were in attendance.
 - “Secret Garden” – August 10-11, 13, 16-18. This musical also received positive reviews with an attendance of 2709. Friday the 17th, there was a rainout and the show was cancelled. Only 89 patrons out of 331 on rainout night returned with their free entry ticket stub.
3. Concessions were difficult this year as there was no one under contract as the City Park Snack Shack has been closed. We had volunteers using the opportunity as fund raisers. Next year, we would like to contract with Rocky Mountain Chocolate Company to handle all 9 events.
4. Juried Art Show name change – The board discussed renaming this art show from the “Juried Arts and Crafts Exhibition” to just “The Juried Art Show.” All agreed.
5. This month, the Resident on Display is Larry Limberg, a long- time resident of Murray City. Wendy asked if we could put the monthly show in the library where more people could see it. It was decided that Lori Edmunds will contact the library and see if there is a place where the art could be displayed. The plan would be to have the exhibit start at City Hall for a month and then travel to the library for another month. This would give the artists much more exposure.
6. Lori updated the board on the mural project. The objective of this project is to help the students learn about visual art through a public art project. Each elementary will be creating a unique mural for their school. They will be taught and aided by the University of Utah Arts Department and teachers working with the Beverly Taylor Sorenson Arts Learning Program. At the end of the project, each school will have their own unique mural that depicts their school. Lori explained that each school will receive a custom 8 ½ x11” page custom created incorporating the theme of “We Are Murray.” Every child in each elementary school in Murray City will receive a template that says, “We Are (inserting the name of their school).” Then each student will be prompted by their teacher with a few questions provided by the University of Utah that will help them start thinking of “who” they are as a school and draw it. The teacher in each class will then choose 3 of the images. The University of Utah along with some teachers working with the Beverly Taylor Sorenson arts program, will visit each school and work with a group of preselected 5th grade age children to choose which of the teacher selected images will go onto that school’s mural. The University of Utah students will

then take the images back to their classroom and enhance the ideas and drawings that were chosen. Before the mural is printed to be painted, Murray City staff and the Arts Advisory Board will approve each of the murals. After the murals are printed, the amphitheater green room will be used to paint them. Students will be bussed to Murray Park to participate in painting along with Hillcrest and Riverview Junior Highs and Murray and Cottonwood High Schools. Community artists will be invited to join in this process as well. When the murals are finished, each school will be able to hang their mural for all their children to see and to initiate pride in their school. It is the goal to have the students carry their mural in the Fun Days July 4th parade. Then each mural will return to the school for the 2019-2020 school year where they can be displayed

7. Before the board meeting, Jennifer Broschinsky, Wendy Richhart, and Clark Bullen interviewed 8 prospective directors for the 2019 Summer Series amphitheater musicals. The decision was difficult as all the applicants are extremely talented. The applicants were: Candace Tippetts, Jim Smith, Kjersti Parkes, Adam Wilkes, Kyle Espisito, Brighton Sloan, Judy Binns, and Wendy Smedshammer. The board chose Jim Smith and Kjersti Parkes. Kjersti and Jim will provide 3 shows that they would like to direct, and during the September meeting, the board will decide on which productions to have them produce.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be September 18th.