

Murray Arts Advisory Board
Minutes for September 18, 2018

Attendance: Becca Spjute, Alissa Brousseau, Kevin Westenskow, Wendy Richhart, Nancy Buist,
Lori Steadman, Clark Bullen, Haley Oliphant
Staff: Lori Edmunds, Katie Lindquist

1. Minutes for August 21st were approved as written.
2. Past Month Events
 - a. Summer Series report was not ready as Lori Edmunds reported that she was still waiting for an accounting from the online ticket purchasing from Regtix.
3. Resident on Display this month is Ruth Johnson. Lori Edmunds reported that she is waiting to talk with Kim Fong about possible placement for this monthly art program to go into the library. Lori will report on that next month.
4. 2019 musical titles – Lori asked the 2019 directors for their 3 top picks for musicals. The discussion centered around the time of year due to youth needing to be back in school in August and cast sizes and types.
 - a. Jim Smith suggested “Little Women,” “Aida,” “Pippin,” and “You’re a Good Man Charlie Brown.” The board voted for “Little Women.”
 - b. Kjersti Parkes picks were “Big Fish,” “South Pacific,” and Beauty and the Beast.” The board voted for “Beauty and the Beast” noting that the July show needed to be youth oriented again because of school starting in late August.
5. Lori Edmunds and Katie met with the principals at Jordan School District earlier in the day due to the cancellation of their last visit. They provided each principal with a packet of arts education materials for them to take back to their school and discuss with their teachers. When the storytelling residency was discussed, a few of the principals opted out. There were 4 principals that were not excited about the music specialist program in their schools. One principal wanted to know if they could simply choose their own art form that worked best with their students due to scheduling problems. Lori told them she would talk with the board about it and get back with them. She also told the principals that she would contact them each personally via email to asks them about the two residencies as not all the principals were struggling with these two programs.

The board discussed the principals’ feedback and decided to continue to monitor the programs this year, so they could make an educated decision for next school year. This monitoring will have to take place between September and January due to the time parameters placed on the contract with Murray District. At the end of the 2019 school year, the board can discuss if the storytelling residency needs restructuring.

Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be Oct.16, 2018.