

Murray Arts Advisory Board
Minutes for November 20, 2018

Attendance: Becca Spjute, Alissa Brousseau, Kevin Westenskow, Wendy Richhart, Nancy Buist,
Lori Steadman
Staff: Lori Edmunds, Katie Lindquist
Excused: Clark Bullen
Visitors: Jeff Evans

1. Minutes for October 16th were approved as written with recorded corrections.

2. Staff Report

Past Month Events

- a. Resident on Display this month is Janice Blanchard. Katie reported that the library phase of the traveling Resident on Display will start in January and that the new paperwork is still being worked on in the legal department but should be ready by then. This will be 2-D art only for now, and any 3-D can opt out of moving to the library. We also had a few more artists sign up for Resident on Display at the Juried Art Contest Artist Reception.
- b. Mural Update – Lori Edmunds reported that the participation from junior high and high schools were great but the participation from the elementary schools was lacking. The mural will be unveiled at MHS on January 21st at the annual Martin Luther King concert. Staff will need to figure out how to show them that night.
- c. Juried Art Show update – Katie reported that our entries were down slightly. Staff is wondering why the numbers are down and when talking with the board it was suggested that the advertising was difficult to find.
- d. Missoula – 47 children auditioned for the traveling musical and all received a part. 222 patrons attended the two performances. Both of these numbers are slightly down from last year. The Missoula team commented that Caleb, our pianist and Becca’s son was the best accompanist they had worked with.
- e. Arts Education update – Lori Edmunds reported that she met with Jean Irwin from the Utah Department of Arts and Museums who shared ideas about art education. Pam Gee was one of the people she referred who operates “Opera for Kids”. She also said that Julie Christofferson with the Murray Symphony is the Arts Education Coordinator in Spanish Fork. Lori called Julie and she invited Lori to a meeting with all the other art education coordinators in the state.

Next year our arts focus is with dance. Lori said we need to start thinking about how to best integrate this art form into the elementary schools. Lori knows she needs to find someone at each school to reach out and cultivate a relationship with them.

- f. Wendy Richhart said that she saw “Annie” at Murray High School which was really well attended. Wendy also reminded us to attend “Bright Star” on May 2-6 at Cottonwood High School to see the direction of Adam Wilkins a potential director for the amphitheater productions.

3. Upcoming Events

- a. December 8 – Murray Symphony 7:00 p.m.
- b. December 18-20 – Christmas Dream Ballet, Ballet Center 7:00 p.m.
- c. January 16-18 – Jukebox Musical, MHS 7:00 p.m.
- e. January 21 – Martin Luther King Concert and mural unveiling

4. Business

a. Bylaw discussion

Lori is preparing bylaws for both the Art and History Boards. She would like to have an attendance policy. Some questions were asked such as:

- do we need to put together Ad Hoc committees for specific events or procedures such as storytelling, choosing musical directors, etc.
- How many times can we be excused.
- This is a commitment that board members make and you serve at the pleasure of the Mayor.
- Expectations from staff help members to know what is expected from them.
- Lori would like the board to vote on decisions more so that the board feels more ownership.
- Bylaws- elect chair, vice chair elections each January.

Lori will have a draft ready for the board to review and discuss at the January meeting.

b. New members are Kat Martinez, and Christy Anderson. Jeff Evans will be before City Council in Dec. or Jan.

c. Katie and Lori are working on the 2019 Summer Series and will have that along with the bylaws for the board to look at and vote on.

d. Float discussion

Only one of the three RFP's sent came back. The board was not excited about the renderings and asked to see if we could do something incorporating the murals.

Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be January 15, 2019.