

Murray Arts Advisory Board  
Minutes for Nov. 19, 2019

Attendance: Matt Jacobson, Wendy Richhart, Clark Bullen, Jeff Evans, Becca Spjute, Nancy Buist, Peter Klinge, Haley Oliphant, Kat Martinez, Christy Anderson  
Staff: Katie Lindquist

- I. Wendy conducted the meeting and introduced Matt Jacobson as our newest member of the board. The minutes for October 2019 were passed as written.
- II. Board Reports: There were no board reports.
- III. Staff reports –
  - a. Resident on Display for the month of November is Astrid Campbell. Cassidy Lewis' display is at the library. In December the Resident on Display will feature the winners of the Juried Art Show.
  - b. The Juried Art show featured 32 artists including 52 entries which is a few more entries from last year and a handful of new entrants. The board decided to purchase a copy of the *Tree of Life* and Lori will check with the artist to see if she can provide us with a smaller print. The board liked the new location in the library this year.
  - c. Summer Series recap – Lori reported that attendance comparison – 2017 -9206, 2018 – 10,224, and 2019,11,786 which shows an increase in attendance.
  - d. The Concert Band performance was on Oct. 26. No attendance was 275.
- IV. Upcoming events
  - a. STEAM at McMillan elementary at 9am. This is part of the district wide arts education project for this year. This project will show students and their teachers how to integrate art into the STEM program. It is being coordinated by Tina Misaka, a Beverly Taylor Sorenson specialist.
  - b. Missoula November, Pinocchio Nov. 18 – 23 Performances 23, 1pm & 4pm
  - c. STEAM
    - Woodstock – Dec.9, 9am
    - Liberty – Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> 2:30pm
    - Twin Peaks - Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, 10am
  - d. Museum Christmas – Thursday we will be installing candy sculptures at the *One-Horse Open Sleigh* at City Hall with a storyteller telling stories about the sleigh that belonged to Jack and Mary Fern Ereckson.
- V. Business
  - a. Murray Theater update  
The Mayor's office has asked staff to consider hiring a professional capitol campaign firm. This group will guide and direct staff with fundraising for the theater. Katie said that going in this direction will not negate any fundraising plans that the board has done thus far.

Christy asked the group if they knew anyone that would be able take a new picture of the theater with the marquee. Jeff volunteered to take the picture and staff will coordinate with parks to change the lettering on the marquee.

- b. CRSA, the architecture firm hired for the theater will be meeting with staff and Hogan Construction on Monday at noon. The art board is invited to attend and give input.
- c. There will be no December meeting.

VI. Other

- a. Katie reported to the board that she and Lori had met with the principals at the Jean Massieu school for the deaf and blind to discuss including their students and their families into our Summer Series audience. Becca reminded us that we must make sure we have all the legally pertinent information to make this happen. We will open specific nights of the season especially for this community. A resource for this might be Christy Sorenson who does interpreter training. Clark has contacts as well as he knows of a person that does in at Centerpointe Theater. Clark suggested that final dress rehearsal would not be the best time to prepare for this audience.
- b. Jeff wanted to express his apologies for his presentation in September highlighting his frustrations with the absence of rental abilities at the amphitheater.

Wendy adjourned the meeting until January 21, 2020.