

Murray Arts Advisory Board
Minutes for August 18, 2020

Attendance: Matt Jacobson, Haley Oliphant, Peter Klinge, Nancy Buist, Jeff Evans
Staff: Lori Edmunds

- I. The minutes for July 21, 2020 were passed as written.
- II. Board Reports: There were no board reports.
- III. Staff reports –
 - a. Resident on Display
 - i. City Hall – Jen Melcomian, photography
 - b. Concert Series – Jenny Oaks Baker performed on August 7th, at the amphitheater with 283 socially distanced patrons in attendance.
- IV. Upcoming events
 - a. Little Shop of Horrors, August 14-15, 17-22
Lori explained that she added two extra performances so she could keep the audience sizes small.
 - b. Samba Rio was rescheduled for August 28.
- V. Business – Arts Education
 - a. The board again discussed the Murray School District interlocal agreement for music specialists to decide on the amount to be disbursed. It was decided to pay monthly according to the time the music specialists interacted with the students as there is much caution concerning virtual learning. Lori would prepare an agreement and send it through to legal and then the Mayor’s office.
 - b. Winter Series – There will be no Winter Series this year due to the uncertainty of the performing arts departments in the schools and the Concert Band and Murray Symphony. It was also mentioned that most if not all the season ticket holders were in the high-risk group and probably wouldn’t want to attend performances.
- VI. COVID
 - a. COVID – *Stay at Home Series* – Lori reminded the board that she would like each one of them to submit something for a COVID collection for the museum. She told them she is gathering various kinds of documentation from the residents for this specific collection since the pandemic is historical.
 - b. COVIDart – will be the theme of the adult art show. Since the library may still be closed, Lori contacted Fashion Place Mall and the show will be there November 3-5.
- VII. Other
 - a. Lori asked the board which musicals they would like to see for summer 2021. Several were suggested and it was agreed that “Newsies” would be performed. Lori will contact Jim Smith to see if he was willing to direct as he was the chosen director for the 2020 season and was canceled due to the virus.

The meeting was adjourned until September 15, 2020 at the Murray Mansion.